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## Crucial Test For Govt.

### BRITISH BUDGET DEBATE

London, Mar. 23.—The Labour Government, which has a majority of only five votes, today refused to allow Parliament to debate the Seretse Khama affair. It also fixed Budget Day—April 18—as the next crucial test of its precarious maintenance.

Observers were surprised by the Government's White Paper, published yesterday, giving reasons for withholding recognition of Seretse's chieftainship of the Batswana tribe, left Liberal still burning for a debate in which to force a general election.

But the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, leader of the House of Commons, was not prepared to concede the right of the Liberals—unopposed by others—to demand a debate and a confidence vote.

### SHORT RESPIRE

The Government's respite from crucial divisions and confidence issues is likely to be short. If the Budget, as predicted, contains a fresh austerity blizzard in the Cripps manner, there will be fierce Conservative challenges and trouble among its own supporters.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, knows that a large section of the Government's 8,000,000 trade union followers is hostile to the official wage freeze policy and wants to see living costs lowered.

The Conservatives—who had promised, if returned to power, to introduce immediate income tax and other relief—will also see a hard budget.

The political side of Labour, deeply anxious about the still soaring costs of living, will regard unrelenting austerity in the Budget as an evil portent for their Party if there is an early Election.—Reuter.

## Leaves Prison To Die

Detroit, Michigan, Mar. 23.—A broken old woman was freed from prison today to join her family and die. She is Mrs. Minnie Lambert, 61, who had spent the last 18 years behind bars for the passion slaying of her husband.

She will die, doctors said, within 10 to 15 days of cancer, a heart ailment and asthma.

Her 10 children appealed to the Governor, Mr. G. Meener Williams, to let their mother die in freedom. Today he signed a commutation, and a few minutes later she was wheeled into an ambulance and for a hospital. "I'm happy she can hardly believe it,"—Reuter.

## BIG BOMBER CRASHES

Tucson, Arizona, Mar. 23.—One of America's new long-range super-bombers, the B-50, crashed with 14 people in the flat Arizona Desert today, killing at least nine, according to first reports.

The plane, a modernized version of the B-29 Superfortress, crashed west of Gila Bend on a routine training flight. The South Pacific Railway office at nearby Hyder reported that nine bodies were found. Two airmen were still alive but the fate of the others was not known, it added.

Officials said it was believed an engine caught fire when the bomber was flying at over 10,000 feet.—Reuter.

### SECOND DISASTER

New York, Mar. 23.—An American Air Force Dakota transport plane crashed and burst into flames in a driving snowstorm near New York today, killing one man and injuring another slightly.

The crash occurred just after the plane had taken off from Rome, near here.—Reuter.

### Goose Electrocuted

Forrest City, Kansas, Mar. 23.—Farm families near here enjoyed goose dinners today. Lightning struck a flock of geese yesterday and 50 were electrocuted.—United Press.

## Australia To Outlaw Reds

### SPECIAL LEGISLATION IN NEAR FUTURE

## Industrial Crisis Looms Big

Canberra, Mar. 23.—Australia today invoked far-reaching emergency powers—including the right of immediate arrest, the banning of meetings and the death penalty for treason—to fight labour disorders and Communism.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Robert Menzies, invoking the Emergency Crimes Act, said that its powers would be used against Communists pending the passing of special legislation to be introduced soon to outlaw the Communist Party in Australia.

Faced with a steel and shipping strike crisis, the country also proclaimed "a state of serious industrial disturbance."

The proclamation, issued by the Governor-General, said that the situation was "prejudicing or threatening trade and commerce with other countries and among the States of Australia."

Mr. Menzies told a tense House of Representatives, "We will deal with Communists here once and for all. We will carry the fight to the Communists."

### ROLLING STRIKES

The proclamation arose directly from a series of "rolling strikes" on the Brisbane waterfront but the Government's new powers, which would be exercised "with vigour and complete determination," would apply to other current strikes.

He gave the House details of accumulated losses in waterfront handling over a long period and cited cases of 10,000 boxes of butter and thousands of tons of general cargo intended for Britain left unloaded on the wharves.

The Crimes Act gives the Federal Government powers to meet almost everything from treason, sabotage, attempted revolution down to forgery and offences against police officers.

Penalties range from death for treason to various terms of imprisonment.

It covers offences of a Federal level and above laws already applied by individual States.

Mr. Menzies described the penalties under the proclamation and said that it suited plainly what could happen to people who inspired this lawless policy.

### POLITICAL STRIKE?

It was understood here that the Government would await week-end events before enforcing the powers proclaimed.

Labour Members expressed the unofficial opinion that the Queensland shipping dispute was not an economic strike in a depressed industry. Labour had given the watersiders "all kinds of good conditions," these observers said, but they persisted in industrial action.

They felt that the strike was political and that there would not be any wholehearted response from the trade union movement to Communist appeals for assistance.

The Brisbane shipping strike began in Sydney in January and has since spread to other Australian ports.

Strikes in the rich coalfields of Northern New South Wales during the past three weeks have threatened a crisis in the Australian steel industry.

Tramwaymen in Victoria have been on strike since February 22 in support of their demand for higher wages.—Reuter.

## PROPERTY DISPUTE

### Appeal Against Eviction Fails

Giving judgment in the Supreme Court this morning, Mr. Justice Gould dismissed the appeal brought by Far East Aviation Co., Ltd., and the Far East Motors Ltd., against an order made by the Tenancy Tribunal for eviction from No. 26, Nathan Road, Kowloon. By consent, no order was made as to costs.

The respondents were F.M.L. and A.M.L. Soares, executors of the will of the late Adam M. L. Soares and A. M. Alves and Cynthia M. Alves, executor and executrix of the will of the late Carmo S. Alves.

Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, KC, and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva and Mr. A. M. L. Soares appeared for the respondents while the appellants were represented by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr. D. B. Evans.

## Armed Robbery In Kowloon

Shortly after 6.30 this morning, three men armed with revolvers and knives gained entry through the back door into No. 996 Canton Road, ground floor, premises used as a shop. They threatened the inmates and were about to start ransacking when resistance was offered.

In the struggle, a woman suffered a slight stab wound in the lower part of her back.

The surprising resistance panicked the robbers who immediately abandoned their plans and fled, taking with them one gold finger ring.

## 350,000 Threaten To Go On Strike

Brussels, Mar. 23.—Belgium's Privy Council of 28 Elder Statesmen, last assembled on the eve of war in 1914, met today to cope with the enmity between Flanders and Wallonia over the return of King Leopold to the Throne.

As the Councilors assembled in the marble hall of Brussels Royal Palace more than 350,000 workers threatened a 24-hour strike tomorrow as a "warning" against any attempt to bring the King back from his provisional exile in Switzerland.

The chief strikes would be in the highly industrialised Walloon provinces, where on March 12 the referendum showed 58 percent opposed to the return of the King, though 57.6 percent of the nation as a whole favoured his return.

### STATESMEN MEET

Count Henri Carton de Wiart, 60-year-old Catholic ex-Premier, presided over the meeting of the Elder Statesmen, made up of 13 Catholics who favour the return, seven Socialists who do not, and eight Liberals who are divided.

Count de Wiart, who yesterday accepted the task of forming a new Government, put off Cabinet consultations today until after the Council meeting.

In the pro-Leopold Flemish provinces of the North, the workers are not expected to join in tomorrow's stoppages. The strikes, according to union officials, will be general throughout Wallonia and Brussels, and will halt industry throughout the day.

The big Southern coal-mining belt will remain idle until the first shift goes down on Saturday and gas and electricity workers have also decided to join in tomorrow's stoppages.

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### SKELETON SERVICES

Telephone and telegraph will maintain skeleton services only. Airport officials said tonight that the strike may seriously interfere with air services in and out of Brussels.

Railway services throughout Wallonia and Brussels will stop at midnight. Most taxi-drivers have agreed to join the strike.

Railwaymen will stage a two-hour stoppage in the afternoon to take part in the anti-Leopold parades in Liege, Mons and Charleroi.

### POLICE STONED

Rouanne, Central France, Mar. 23.—Fifteen policemen were injured, two of them seriously, and 23 arrests were made today when about 1,500 people tried to prevent tanks and other war materials being taken from the arsenal to the railway station at Rouanne, Central France.

A crowd gathered in response to Communist leaflets and threw stones at police and Republican Security Guards.—Reuter.

## Six-Hour Pitched Battle In Streets

## Children And Policeman Killed

### RIOTS IN SOUTH ITALY

Rome, Mar. 23.—Italian troops and police put down the Communist insurrection in San Severo on Thursday after a six-hour pitched battle in the streets. The town is in the "bloody Puglia" area of South Italy.

Preliminary reports said that one policeman and two children were killed, and at least fifteen other persons were injured in the fighting with guns, grenades and clubs.

The authorities said some ten thousand Communists took part in the insurrection. They attacked the local police headquarters, overwhelmed the badly outnumbered security force, and seized the town of fifty thousand.

The Army announced that it gained complete control of San Severo at 2 p.m., six hours after the fighting started when a Communist band attacked and disarmed two policemen at a butcher shop. Violence then flared up throughout the town. The Communists stormed and seized the town armoury and then police headquarters.

A riot call brought reinforcements from Foggia, eighteen miles to the south, and the battle was on.

The security force sent armoured cars against the Communists who hurled grenades, sniped from rooftops, and fought hand to hand with clubs, scythes and rocks. Even after the Army announcement that it had regained control, sporadic bursts of gunfire still could be heard, and diaphanous bands held out in homes, church steeples, and on rooftops.

The townspeople were ordered into their homes for an indefinite curfew. Troops sealed off the town. Although the situation seemed to be under control, reinforcements of security forces will be coming in from neighbouring towns. A United Press correspondent who tried to enter San Severo was stopped by troops. For the time being, no one has been permitted to leave.

The battle was the worst of three years of widespread disorders and unrest. It was touched off by the Communists' defiance of the new security measures decreed by the government last Sunday.—United Press.

### NEARLY NORMAL

Rome, Mar. 23.—Italy returned to near normal today after yesterday's 12-hour nationwide strike, called by the Communist-led General Confederation of Labour.

Thousands of armed policemen and soldiers took over the market town of San Severo, near Foggia, in Southern Italy, today after a street battle between police and 4,000 strikers. The strikers threw a hand grenade and policemen were reported to have been injured.

Another five were disarmed, two of them at pistol point. Police officials said that the area tonight was "tense but calm."

They said the incident had been "provoked" by local Communists.

Scattered riots were also reported this evening from a number of other places in the Foggia region.

At Castellana, about 3,000 men rushed the Town Hall and held the Mayor a prisoner in his study for about an hour. He was rescued by a police baton charge.

A daylong general strike in the northern city of Parma, a protest against yesterday's shooting there, apparently passed off quietly. Public transport was halted and almost all shops, offices and factories were closed.

About 60 demonstrators and 20 policemen were injured in clashes throughout the country yesterday.

In all, the police authorities detained about 2,000 people, most of them for a few hours only.—Reuter.

## Shops Defy Red Order

### All Quiet Again In Saigon

Saigon, Mar. 23.—The Communist strike order fizzled badly here on Thursday despite rebel threats that any open shops would be bombed.

The rebels, led by Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh, called the strike to back up demands for the release of fifteen persons cooped after Sunday's anti-American rioting, in which three persons were killed and about sixty injured.

But at least four fifths of Saigon's shops remained open, and the police, instead of releasing the alleged riot leaders, took six more men into custody. Two were seized while trying to get native workmen to walk off their jobs in French military supply warehouses. Four others were charged in connection with the demonstration on Sunday.

Against the presence of the American destroyers Stickle and Anderson. The naval vessels sailed on Monday after a four-day "good will" visit.

NATIONAL HOLIDAY Because Thursday was a national holiday, it was difficult to estimate just how effective the strike was. But all military and civilian plants operated normally, and only one shop in five was closed. French Indo-China celebrated in memory of three sisters who fought the Chinese many years ago. Saigon itself was quiet, and police took no special precautions against possible bomb throwers.

Meanwhile, the French military headquarters announced that French troops repulsed a rebel attack against an outpost near Tien Hiao, 18 miles north of Saigon, and that "several" rebels and one French soldier were killed.

Unconfirmed reports said Catholic priests in the territory held by the Viet Minh rebels, have been restricted to their villages on Ho's order.—United Press.

### GOVT WINS VOTE

London, Mar. 23.—The Labour Government won a vote by a majority of 48—the highest of the new Parliament—in the House of Commons tonight.

It was a vote on a minor food question.—Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

## The Unofficials Speak Up

THE forceful criticism of the Unofficials in Wednesday's debate on the Budget was a heartening sign that these gentlemen are willing, and able, to present a case which at least approximates to popular sentiment. More important, the criticism was not enervating in motive, but serious and constructive. Government is confronted with an array of penetrating queries, as well as a challenge, which cannot satisfactorily be disposed of merely by insisting that the official viewpoint on budgeting, revenue-raising, spending, affecting public services and facilities, like the law of the Medes and Persians, is unalterable. Whatever the final vote on the Financial Secretary's motion to a "Bill" introduced an Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding \$199,051,037 to the Public Service of the financial year ending March 31, 1951, neither the Financial Secretary nor his governmental colleagues can escape the fact that one proposal incorporated within this Ordinance is diametrically opposed to majority opinion in Hongkong. That proposal, of course, is an increase in direct taxation. It is, therefore, something for Government to conjure over before it insists upon putting through the proposed legislation from which will be derived powers to apply those increases. This we have previously discussed, but because of its importance as a direct test of Government's professed allegiance to the democratic principle of bowing to majority opinion (especially on a vital issue) we do not hesitate to re-emphasise the point. But several other matters of first-class importance caught the critical attention of the Unofficials, and most of them demand definite assurances from Government of urgent consideration, and satisfying action if Government's good faith is not to be called into question. One subject is that of denials claims, applicable both to war-time requisitioned property and to that, since Liberation,

which has been taken over by the Services. Government may not be originally responsible for any of these involvements, but Government has to act as representatives of the individuals and companies who continue to suffer hardship consequent upon requisitioning. As Mr. Cassidy expressed it: "to my mind it is utterly wrong that the Home Government should procrastinate in settling the claims." The procrastination is all the more deplorable in view of the fact that the Imperial Government is now making an issue out of the Colony's contribution to the cost of the reinforced garrison. We have insisted before, and do not hesitate to repeat, that the defence of this Colony is but part of an overall scheme involving the whole of the Commonwealth, and that our share of its cost can only, and must be proportionate. And against this relative charge should be placed outstanding official debts for war-time and post-war requisitioning. It is the only fair way of resolving the two-fold problem. Moreover, it is time that anybody, anywhere, who imagines that Hongkong, because it has enjoyed remarkable prosperity since the war, can sustain any amount of mauling, should rid themselves of the idea. This Colony, as elsewhere, has a national income, which makes it capable of bearing a certain amount of taxation and extraneous charges, but no more. But Hongkong cannot be indiscriminately "milked" to meet ever-increasing administrative costs and unlimited defence contributions simply because it has enjoyed a successful immediate post-war era. The Colony feels confident that when the Financial Secretary and the Colonial Secretary discuss this question of defence contributions in a few weeks' time they will make this point very clear, and that they will not hesitate to ally the subject of paying for the reinforced garrison with that of the War Office, honouring their requisitioning obligations.

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## NEW NOTION



By VERA WINSTON

THE SHORT skirt replaces shorts for a new notion in resort wear. Shown is a raspberry coloured rough weave linen skirt gathered at a waistband. There is one large square patch pocket at one side. With the skirt is a cream coloured, long-sleeved blouse with a casual neckline. Other details include flapped pockets cut in one with the blouse, and full, push-up, cuffed sleeves.

## Time Shows There's Nothing New In Shoe Styles

NEW YORK.

THE platform sole was big stuff in 16th century Venice, where elegant ladies teetered about on still-like shoes with platform 12 inches high.

The grandfather of the "loafer," now the universal footgear of college girls, was a flat moccasin with long pointed toe worn in England about 1460, and the ballet slipper was a favourite fashion of Princess Victoria back in 1820.

A visit to the Costume Institute of the Metropolitan Museum of Art reveals these and others facts about the long history of shoes. The first recorded slippers were flat and very narrow, sometimes measuring no more than an inch and a half across.

## FIRST SLIPPERS

It was in the latter 1600's that Queen Elizabeth of England wore the first heeled slipper, made from the early Venetian clogs. The story is that she had the idea from an Egyptian butler who had deviced the heel to keep his feet out of blood as he went about his work.

The fashion for high heeled shoes spread rapidly to the French court. During the time of Mme. Pompadour heels soared so high that ladies of fashion sometimes required assistance

going up and down stairs. Marie Antoinette had shoes to match each costume, and her shoe wardrobe was so large that it required a special index system.

The flat shoe returned during the French Revolution, and as the Victorian influence became strong in the 19th century, day-time shoes became high, covering the ankles.

During research for the fabulous "transparent" bejewelled slipper he designed for the modern "Cinderella," Herman Delman discovered that the "glass slipper" of Charles Perrault's famous fairy tale was not glass at all, but fur. The mistake came during translation into English, when "pantoufle en vair" (fur slipper) was interpreted as "en verre" (glass).

## High Sophistication



By ALICE ALDEN

THE ATTRACTIVE little hat that derives straight from the bonnet and that is worn with an accent on the down-beat is always with us, since it is both becoming and smart. Here is one of the elegant entries for spring,

a sophisticated model of navy millan straw, designed by G. Howard Hodge. It is detailed with a gently peaked brim and bloused crown, and for colourful trimming, there is a huge bow of picot-edged chapeau tulle, striped with millan straw.

## How You Dress Up A Bad Burn

By N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THE treatment of severe burns is largely aimed at preventing infection of raw surfaces whose protective covering of skin has been destroyed. Many methods have been devised for this purpose, but experience proves that complete sterilisation of the burned area is practically impossible. Even when penicillin applications are used, the burned surface still becomes contaminated with germs from the air.

One treatment of burns has been to put the patient into a continuous bath for twenty-four hours a day. Controlling the wound with tannic acid to coagulate the tissues has been found helpful, but there is some risk in this form of treatment.

A more practical treatment, which has been employed not alone for less severe burns but also for more extensive ones, consist in using a mixture of eucalyptus oil and liquid paraffin. A number of thicknesses of gauze is dipped into this liquid until the gauze is thoroughly wet. It is then applied to the whole damaged area and a bandage is put over it. This bandage is left in place for at least a week.

One of the most painful things about burns is the changing of the dressings. Hence, when a bandage is left on for a week much of this pain is eliminated. It would appear that this type of treatment produces conditions which are unfavourable to the growth of germs. Because the dressing is only, it does not become tightly fixed to the wound surface and can easily be removed when the time for changing occurs.

This dressing has been used for many years in all degrees of burns and appears to be a satisfactory method of treatment. Adding one of the sulfonamide drugs or penicillin to this dressing has not improved results; hence such additions are unnecessary.

## Sportswear Seen At Famous Resort

Palm Springs.

In daytime and playtime fashions at this fashionable desert resort, more shocks costume are worn than have been seen for several seasons. Tailored shorts in above-knee lengths continue favourites; red-white-and-blue colour schemes register repeatedly; and gold is a favourite accent colour. For instance:

Short Shorts. White gabardine shorts worn with a white lawn blouse with two flap pockets high on the bodice, smaller pockets on the sleeves.

High-Waisted Sweater. Banded in red, white, and blue to give an added significance. Worn with white shirtdress shorts. Red, white and blue used in slacks costume. Here it is done with navy fly-frog slacks; matching cardigan with the popular gold embroidered insignia on the pocket; red, white and blue diagonally banded T-shirt with knitted stole similarly banded. Navy denim hat is stitched in white.

Popular slacks suit at Palm Springs is one in navy gabardine with fly-front and with waist-length jacket. Turtle-neck styling in chapeau sweater is popular.

## Reducing one pound per day

A Hollywood actress claims she lost seven pounds in seven days by eating only ice cream three times a day.

Investigating a complaint of a disturbance, Fort Worth, Texas, police found a 78-year-old father spanking his 48-year-old son.

## Take a Backward Look



When you wear a formal dress, give back and shoulders a smooth, neat finish by patting on a special liquid. This liquid also removes shine from nose, forehead.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WITH formal, almost backless scrubbing with soap suds, after which treat the flesh lightly to ward glance because that part friction with a soft cloth that of the svelte anatomy in the has been dipped in eau making of an attractive figure, de cologne. The alcoholic content will dissolve the black points.

Pick up a hand mirror, stand before a large one, take a survey. This may be the first time you have really seen your back. If you are a sweet young thing, you may be surprised to find that the nape of your neck is not snowy white, but still carries a slight suggestion of discoloration left there by too much sun bathing, and tanning in the good old summer time. If this happens to be the case, trot to the nearest cosmetic counter and buy yourself a jar of bleaching cream.

The upper portion of the back is a favourite abode for blackheads. If the skin is inclined to have them. They can come almost overnight if one has been wearing a silk frock or wool that has waited too long to go to the cleaner. But do not despair. Give your back a rousing

When you wear an evening gown apply a special liquid to your back. It is designed to give skin a smooth, neat finish.

## Let's Eat

BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

## Hungarian Dinner Party

ONE difference between Continental and American cooking is the extensive use of interesting and substantial appetizers. This was brought most pleasantly to our attention at a Hungarian dinner party given to us in New York City in a little restaurant.

There were not only the usual grapefruit and juices of various kinds, but fillets of herring flanked with thin slices of onion, a wedge of lemon and garnished with watercress. Chopped chicken liver was nestled in lettuce leaves and topped with a gold and white crest of chopped hard-boiled egg. Calves foot jelly was moulded and served with lettuce, parsley, sliced tomato and a wedge of lemon. Slices of cold fish stuffed with celery, parsley and bread crumbs were decorated with cream and served with horseradish. And what was most delightful, there was cooked, chopped eggplant garnished with chopped onion, tomato, a lemon wedge and parsley.

## Tomato Gravy

"The brisket was beautifully cooked, Madame, fork-tender and with a tomato gravy. The garnish was parsley. The potato pancakes were sizzling hot, which is the right way to serve them. And the accompanying dish of ice cold apple sauce, was not too sweet, with a wedge of lemon on the side."

The breast of chicken had evidently been steamed, sliced thin, reheated, placed in a hot low casserole, the mushroom cream sauce poured over. This sauce was made partly with cream, and it had been cooked long enough to take away any raw floury taste.

The desserts were unusual, in that the fancy pastries were served hot. The Chef was most enthusiastic over a heated Mohn (or poppyseed) horn. For my own dessert I had the famous Hungarian palacsintas, given in this column.

## Dinner

Grape Fruit or Egg Plant Appetiser  
Braised Brisket of Beef  
Potato Pancake  
Cauliflower with Butter Sauce  
Cranberry Relish  
Cheese or Lekva Palacsinta  
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)  
Include cracked bread or rolls with butter or margarine.

All Measurements Are Level  
Recipes Serve Four

## Egg Plant Appetiser

Wash 1 medium-sized eggplant. Place it about 3 in. from poppers and onions, and season the broiler and broil until the skin is brown and cracked and the eggplant is fork-tender. To serve on lettuce.

## Suggestion of the Chef

For an interesting egg appetiser, serve chopped hard-cooked eggs mixed with chopped green plant. Place it about 3 in. from poppers and onions, and season the broiler and broil until the skin is brown and cracked and the eggplant is fork-tender. To serve on lettuce.

## IDEAL FOR CRAMPED QUARTERS

By ELEANOR ROSS

MODERN building conditions, especially in large city apartments, whether of the luxury type or the large developments, are likely to result in restricted room dimensions. And so there is increased interest in double-duty furniture. The new offerings have developed far beyond the double-duty pieces, and wear an air of elegance, formality and charm that makes them right for any interior, restricted or otherwise.

## Swedish Modern

From Sweden is a new group, mostly elaborately veneered and done in adaptable Swedish modern. A boon for the many folk who work at home. There is a "home office" unit. Four doors

of a tall, imposing, but amazingly unbulky cabinet open to reveal a multiplicity of pigeon holes, adjustable shelves, movable trays and the like, adding up to twenty-four spaces of assorted shape and size, a cinch for filing. A leaf drops down to provide an expansive working space and there is even room to store a portable typewriter.

A very handsome piece that appears to be a simple two-door cabinet in soft walnut, has two open shelves that would be fine for china or books. One pulls the brass handles and opens a drawer that turns out to be an extension table leaf supported by a single leg, yet entirely sturdy.

## Bedroom Piece

New bedroom pieces show ingenuity and beauty, too. One lovely group is fashioned of red coloured natural Honduras mahogany. A single-legged table in this group is placed atop a small three-drawer chest to make an interesting version of a vanity table. Or the table alone might be attached to the wall to serve as a small writing desk.

The headboards offer interesting ideas as for example, a slight dip in the centre of an otherwise straight wooden headboard, extends beyond the mattress on either side, leaving room for matching night tables in front of the headboard itself.

In the sectional groupings, an interesting dining room unit is made up of a single chest, a double chest, and centred above these, a narrow, long, glass-enclosed cabinet. We admired a side chair with an open top handle that makes for easy moving.

## Jewels In Paris



Tasselled earrings of pearls and diamonds are accompanied by a bracelet of cultured pearls. In this offering by designer Pierre Balmain in Paris.

## Household Hints

After sewing a rayon dress, let the garment hang for at least 24 hours before turning up the hem. This procedure is to make sure that any bias sections of the skirt hang evenly.

Be sure your hands are completely dry before you plug in or disconnect electrical equipment. Moisture is a good conductor of electricity, so if your hands are wet or damp, you may receive a severe shock if you handle electric cords.

Keep peeled garlic buds in salad oil in your refrigerator. They will keep indefinitely, and will flavour the oil which you can use in your French dressing.

If you sew small snaps on curtains, you can snap them up out of the way when sweeping or airing a room.

## Calling Hongkong



Lucy Fung, of the Hong Kong Section, who broadcasts daily on subjects of interest to women in Hong Kong and Malaya, and on events of cultural interest in Britain.



# VIETNAM IS THE GREECE IN STRUGGLE FOR ASIA

POCKET CARTOON  
by OSBERT LANCASTER



## DANNY KAYE MAY PLAY SHAKESPEARE

Danny Kaye, the biggest box-office success in London since the end of the war, is embarrassed by the numbers of offers he is receiving trying to persuade him to return there for more stage appearances.

Danny, twice uncrowned King of London when he appeared at the top variety theatre, the Palladium, isn't interested. But friends of his here say that he is nibbling at the latest bait: to appear in a Shakespearean film, a "version" of "A Midsummer Night's Dream".

His role, Bottom, the rustic weaver, who wears the head of an ass for that one enchanted night.

Kaye has been nothing to play Shakespeare ever since he became friendly with one of his chief fans, Sir Laurence Olivier. When he saw Olivier's "Henry V" in New York some years ago, he says, he first realised that Shakespeare was exciting and not the schoolroom bore he had always believed.

Since then he has come to know Olivier well, and has been further won over to the bard by Olivier's "Hamlet".

There is no possibility of an early decision about the film, however. Kaye's commitments in Hollywood will keep him there for several months.

## Station Was Half-Painted

They were painting the buildings on one side of the 100-year-old Milford and Brocton, Staffordshire, railway station, through which 1,000 expresses a week pass from the north and from London, when suddenly the work was stopped. Soon there came through the news which made it a sad day for Stationmaster Leonard Wilshaw.

Reluctantly he raised his lamp to give the 6.52 p.m. train the right of way out and then collected his belongings and tramped home to supper. He had closed down the station to passengers for the last time—one side of it resplendent in its new coat of paint, the other a dirty, drab sight in need of attention.

The station will cater for a certain amount of heavy goods traffic, but not for ordinary parcels and passengers. Leonard is very philosophical about it. Says he: "The trouble is that hardly anyone uses the station, except the railway staff, as it is more than twice as cheap to travel from here by bus. The villagers around here are very upset that the station is closed to them. I don't see why they should be; they hardly ever use it."

This is the third station to be closed around Stafford since last summer.

If proof were needed of the interconnection of events in Europe and Asia, it is plain enough in the scenes taking place in French ports as Communist-led dock workers fight to prevent arms shipments to the French forces in Indo-China, writes Anne O'Hare McCormick in the New York Times. Vietnam, the French colony belatedly granted the status of a quasi-independent state, is rapidly becoming the Greece of the struggle for Asia, she says.

The nationalist movement in this Chinese borderland, like most of the revolts against Western rule in the countries occupied by the Japanese, has been spurred on by the example and aid of Communist China. Now, by one of the many paradoxes that star this rumpled page of history, the fruits of the seeds sown by Japan are being gathered in by Russia.

As Greece is the next step in the Soviet march in Europe and the bridgehead to the Mediterranean, Indo-China is the key to Southeast Asia.

The greater part of the French regular army is already engaged there in support of the Government of Bao Dai, the long-exiled descendant of the native dynasty whom the French brought back to rule the people against the rising banner of the Moscow-trained Ho Chi-minh.

Moscow and Peking have recognised the rebel regime in defiance of the French, while Britain and the United States back Bao Dai.

### WABBLING STATES

Thus this unknown province in a complex of wabbling states between China and India is marked out not only for civil war and an incitement to division in France but as a pivotal point of the conflict in the Orient.

Thus the states next in line are uncertain of the outcome is indicated by the hesitation of the neighbouring kingdom of Thailand, or Siam, to recognise Bao Dai. Although French, British and American diplomats urged recognition and United States diplomats from the whole area were meeting with Dr. Philip C. Jessup in Bangkok while the Cabinet was discussing the matter, the Thai

leaders cannot agree to commit themselves to an anti-Communist stand until they are sure that they are now that they will be effectively supported by the West.

Undoubtedly they are less influenced by us than by the example of Premier Nehru of India, who has also refused to follow the Western lead in Indo-China. Despite the fact that every advance to the south brings the Communists nearer to his frontier and increases the danger of Soviet encirclement of India, Nehru still hopes against hope that the sub-continent can maintain a position of neutrality while the swirling conflict is decided elsewhere.

### ON SIDELINES

The desire to stand on the sidelines reflects doubt not only of Western capacity to halt Communist expansion in the Far East but also of the effectiveness and co-ordination of Western policy. This is where we come in, for unless the United States takes a strong lead the fears and waverings of the non-Communist Governments will undermine the possibility of organising the regional bloc the Western powers are vaguely contemplating.

After two months of secret bargaining, a Soviet-Chinese treaty has at last been worked out on terms that will probably never be known until they are revealed in action. But whether or not Mao gets a free hand in the Southeast in return for surrendering in the North, the agreement is sure to be followed by intensified pressure on the weak spots between the China Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

### THE WEAKEST

Next to Burma, Vietnam is the weakest. It is immensely important to Soviet strategy because it is a lever that can be applied to Western Europe as well as Asia.

Ho Chi-minh's guerrillas are more potent than the Greeks because they keep the French army on the other side of the world and at the same time stir up serious trouble between Communist workers and the gendarmerie at home. In Nice, Marseilles, Toulon, La Rochelle, wherever ships are loaded with supplies for the troops in Indo-China, daily riots challenge the authority of a Government in Paris which walks a tightrope even on domestic issues.

Communist agitation in France extends also to strikes against landing arms from the United States under the Atlantic Pact programme. A similar movement is being staged in Italy, with less success.

### PLAYING BOTH ENDS

It is plain, in any event, that it is impossible to isolate the Pacific from the Atlantic front. In some respects the drive in Vietnam illustrates Soviet tactics more clearly than any single episode in the widening struggle.

In playing both ends of the line, Moscow is openly attempting to confuse and divide Western effort. It would be folly for the West to be diverted by the danger in the East from going full steam ahead with the programme of Atlantic defence. It would be equally foolish, however, to blink the consequences to the West of abandoning Southeast Asia to the sweeping expansionism of a power which takes advantage of the desire of subject peoples for independence and a better and larger life to lock them into a new empire under rulers who after thirty-three years are bolting the doors tighter than ever on their own imprisoned people.

## Clifton Webb Gives Up Stage

Clifton Webb, once one of Broadway's brightest stars, says he has given up the stage "irrevocably and forever."

He expects this news to shake Broadway like a superbomb. "There they think people in movies are freaks," he explained. "But I find movie acting charming and pleasant. The vacations are pleasant too. I believe in vacationing firmly, and in the movies I get them frequently."

"I've had my fill of the stage. I'm in pictures to stay as long as they will have me. After that I'm just going to bask in the sun."

Webb already has notified his old friends on the Great White Way that he won't be back. He says it has shocked them beyond measure.

"I was at a party one night with Lynn Fontaine, Alfred Lunt, Charles MacArthur, Helen Hayes and some others," he recalled. "They asked me why I didn't take a certain play I was offered. I told them I had no intention of going on the stage again. They were horrified."

### IN SIXTH PICTURE

Webb recently finished his fifth year in Hollywood and his sixth picture, "Cheaper by the Dozen."

"I began to realise when I was in 'Billie Spirit' on the stage that I needed new pictures," he said. "I played in it three years. I found it took a great deal out of me, in energy and enthusiasm. In pictures, you can go more swiftly from one character to another."

Webb added that he always has favoured more and better vacations and he's getting them in Hollywood.

"I have never been and do not intend now," he said, "to become an eager beaver who must always be doing something, not even if I have to take up baby sitting eventually to earn my living."

"I went to Palm Springs to relax after 'Cheaper by the Dozen.' A few weeks later I went to New York to see the shows. I see no reason to give up this comfortable life for the dubious joys of the stage."—United Press.

# NEWS IN PICTURES



A WINNER—Actress Yvonne De Carlo's blue Persian champion, Masterpiece, got a nice blue ribbon for himself in the 15th annual California Cat Show in Los Angeles. His expression indicates that he's very bored with winning prizes, but Yvonne considers him a prize himself.



GPS AT COOKING SCHOOL—America's GI Bill is financing 26 war veterans studying at a cooking school in Paris. Teaching the fine art of French pastry, Raymond Desmellers, centre, instructs Joe Weiner, a former New York hotel chef, and Walter Beanton, of New Haven, how to whip up chocolate-covered plum cake.



MERMAID—Actress Dorothy Hart goes down to Santa Monica, for a swim between pictures. Dorothy's star is rising in filmland these days.



SHELTER FOR THE BIRDS—Workmen in Berlin pile up sand to cover the ruins of a bombed anti-aircraft tower now designated to become a hilltop bird sanctuary in the city's British sector. The tower was one of two that formerly stood in the Tiergarten.



ON HAND FOR THE OPENING—Flowers were presented to Haiti's First Lady, Mrs. Sumarsals Estime, by Edward J. Miller, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, as President Estime, right, looks on. The ceremony marked the opening of Haiti's multi-million dollar Bicentennial Exposition at Port-au-Prince.



MOTHER AND SON—Brumas, a three-month-old cub at the London Zoo, takes the air with his mama, Ivy, as they sit in the winter sun. The name is a combination of his keepers' names, Bruce and Sam.

## K. O. CANNON



## The Riddle of the Red Domino



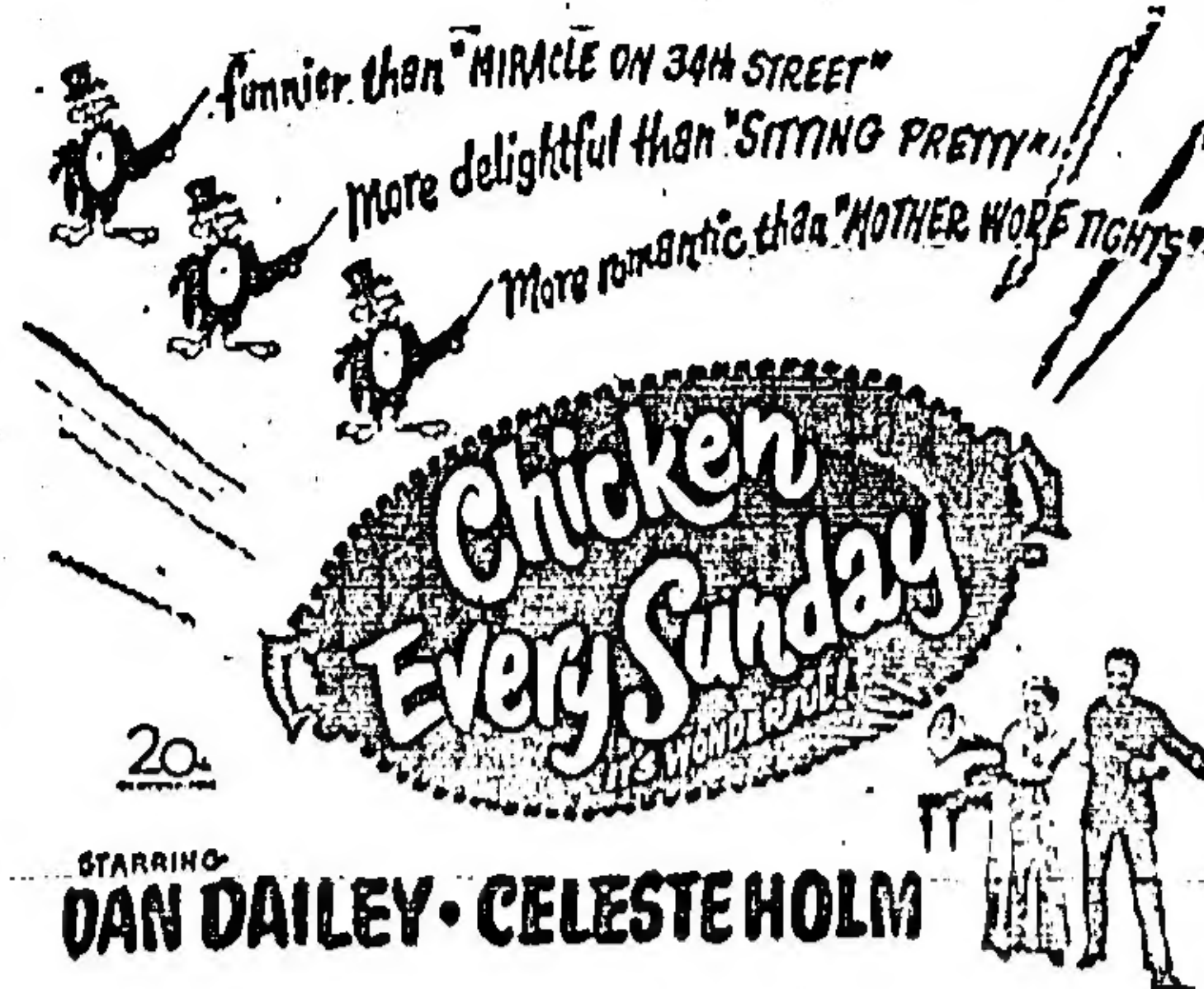
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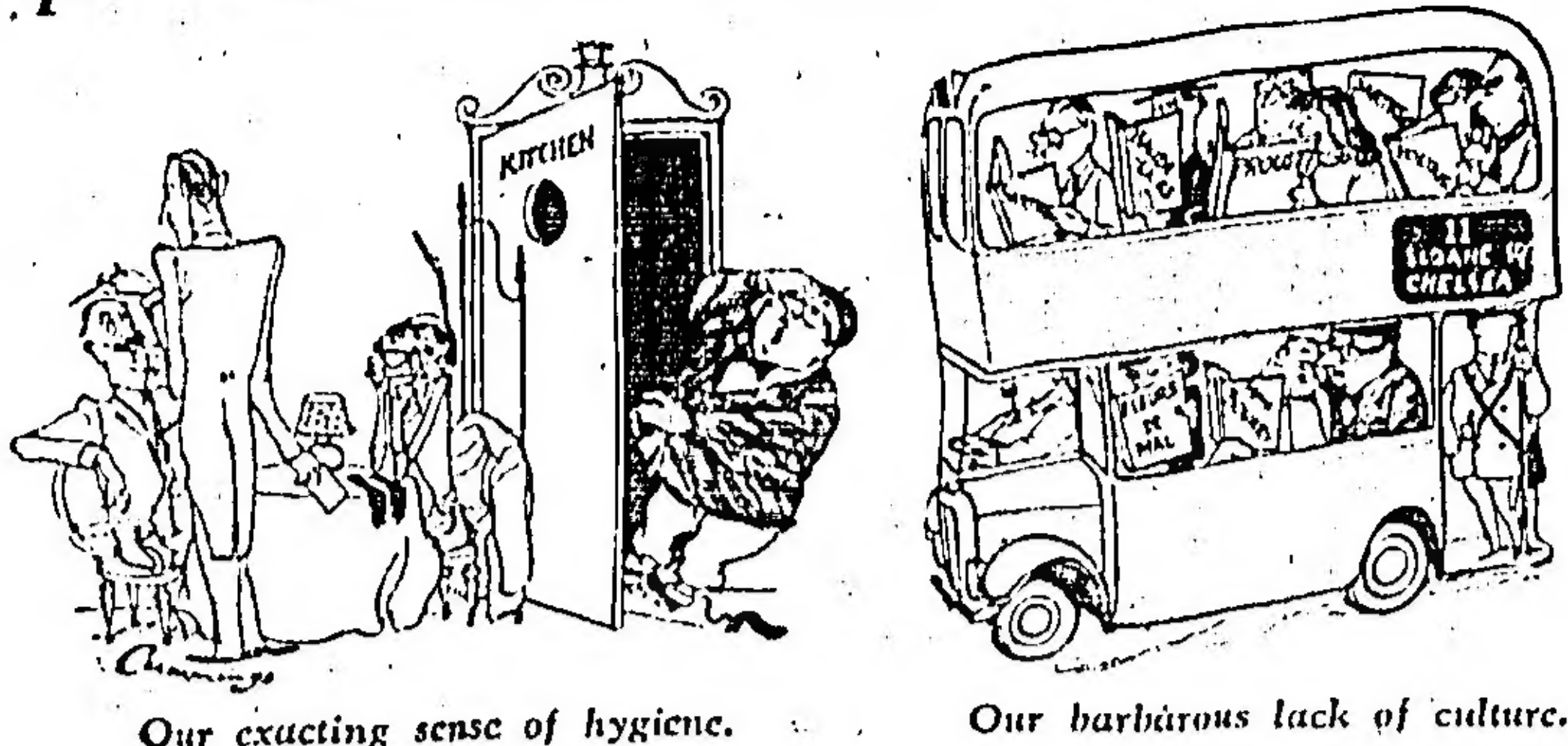
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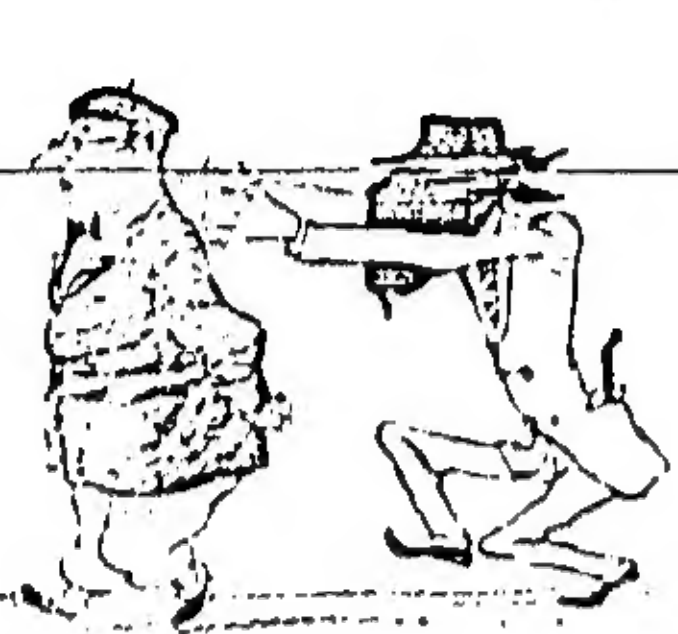
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## London's Live Shows Are Lively

By HAROLD A. ALBERT

JACK Hylton, one-time band leader, began his career as a Lancashire clog dancer. Today he has 500 people on his payroll, dancing through £200,000 worth of stage shows. In his teens, Emile Littler booked acrobats for a tawdry garrison theatre. Right now he has bought the British right of those two top New York musicals, "South Pacific" and "Miss Liberty," and his theatre assets are rated at £1,160,000. Ivor Novello won youthful fame when he wrote "Keep the Home Fires Burning." At the ripe age of 56, his 24th successful theatrical production is spinning £4,000 profit a week.

None of these showmen is exceptional. London is celebrating the mid-century with an unquenchable zest for live entertainment.... and impresarios, producers, playwrights and other show folk are netting fortunes large and small in the biggest peacetime theatrical boom ever known.

### Choice of 60

THE average Londoner luxuriates in a choice of some 60 live shows nightly, and overseas visitors usually catch their breath at discovering that this triple-score bill does not include the thriving vaudeville of a dozen traditional music-halls nor amateur productions, ice shows or a score of flourishing repertory and road-show theatres in the outer suburbs.

### Halecyon Season

CHALLENGING the supremacy of Noel Coward are such new and successful playwrights as William Douglas Home, the exuberant socialite whose "The Chiltern Hundreds" proved his fourth smash hit. There's also the remarkable Christopher Fry, an ex-school teacher who writes plays in formidable verse and yet recently scored a triumph with a farce with three produced simultaneously at three different theatres.

It says much for the texture of this halecyon season that one of these plays, "The Chiltern Hundreds," was staged by John Gielgud while a third was produced by 24-year-old Peter Brook. This infant, terrible in turn recently half-shocked, half-delighted Londoners when he staged a fantastic "Salome" with

surrealist scenery and costumes designed by Salvador Dali.

Again, there is the astonishing popular saga of "Worm's Eye View," a play scribbled in a notebook on park benches and bus seats while its RAF author, Ronald Delmerfield, was off duty. First produced at an obscure provincial repertory theatre, backed by a put and bolt manufacturer who lost £200 in the opening week, it has now been seen by over 1,000,000, has taken £450,000 at the box-office and is elbowing "Chu Chin Chow" in long run records.

### Today's Crop

"BONAVENTURE," a convenient murder mystery, was similarly dreamed up by a suburban housewife in her spare time from domestic jobs. Even less orthodox, the two authors of "The Late Edwin Black," a crowd-drawing shocker, took jobs as janitors in an apartment building—with a free apartment—in order to have somewhere to write at all. So much for the blithe glance of Dame Fortune at just a few of today's crop of playwrights. Actors, producers, singers and dancers, have equally staked glittering claims in the four downtown square miles known to London as theatreland.

There's hardly space to cite the individual sagas. There's young Peter Cotes, one of these entertainment-minded brothers, sinking his savings into a 174-seater theatre built in a private house, he produced "Pick-Up Girl," a much-discussed play which Queen Mary praised, and now is launching a new nationwide repertory.

## THE WHITE BRIDE RIDDLE

by McDONALD BAILEY  
British sprint champion and Olympic runner

I AM deeply interested in the case of Seretse Khama. This is not just a personal interest. It affects coloured people everywhere and especially the 20,000 in Britain.

I am not writing this in any narrow political mood. As a sportsman, I have often been advised to keep out of politics, and it is good advice. But the good sportsman is democratic. He likes fair play, honest, above-board dealing.

Mr Gordon-Walker's attitude causes us tremendous surprise and disappointment. We coloured people pinned our faith in the British Socialist Government. We felt that these people, who over the years preached and expounded the brotherhood of man, would give a fair, square deal to their coloured brothers.

We seem to have been mistaken.

We are happy

I HAVE been married to a white English girl for four years. We have two children, a girl and a boy. We are very happy.

So is Seretse happy. Or could he, were it not for the Government's attitude. We are taught as children and grow up believing that Britain is a free country, the apex of the free British Commonwealth.

But here surely is a blow at man's most sacred freedom—the right to choose the wife of his will.

It may be that there are other factors in this case that have not been divulged. If so, let us know them soon. Secrecy can only harm a good cause; it can make a bad one worse.

We are often told that there is no colour-bar in Britain. Nor is there—officially. But there is unofficially. Ask any coloured person. He will tell you of the little niggling things, the asides.

'It's been lot'

TRY to book a flat as a coloured man. Arrange the details over the phone, then go round to inspect the place. I guarantee you will be told it has been let. Is this attitude to spread, to grow, to poison the Empire relations? God forbid.

We coloured folk in the Empire have fought for the Empire. Many have died for it. Some will never recover from wounds. Is this to be forgotten?

This should be a time of greatness. Britain needs the full, eager support of all the Commonwealth, and not least of all the coloured people. Thus the action of the Government can only cause distrust and suspicion.

In Calypso...

WE West Indians have a pithy form of expressing our opinion in the Calypso. Here is one I heard:—  
"We hear talk of democracy,  
But what is the position of Seretse?  
He pinned his faith in a Socialist State—"

by ALMA LABADIE  
Volunteer West Indian welfare campaigner

I AM the daughter of a mixed marriage. Nobody gives a second thought to that as a social problem in the West Indies, where I come from. We judge men and women there by character, not colour.

But in my tiny West London flat the newspaper headlines on a Seretse Khama shatter the deep faith that has sustained me in my seven-year fight against race prejudice. I cried over the breakfast table for the ban on the colour bar.

It will feel like that to millions of coloured people throughout the Empire.

I never dreamed that Britain would ever take advantage of a small tribe. I have always believed that the poor treatment of coloured folk within the Empire comes from ignorance—not prejudice.

When I have listened to the troubles of Negroes in Britain and of my own people in the West Indies I have turned aside with bitterness with this truth.

How can I sustain my faith? Among the coloured people of the Empire, tempted by Communist assurances that under the Soviet flag there is no colour bar, the loyalty to Britain has suffered terrible strain.

So little voice

THE damage has been done now, and nothing will remove the new feeling of insecurity.

We have so little voice. Unlike the American Negroes we have no strong Negro Press. In the United States it is active in its protests against racial injustice. I felt shame, too, when I read that a representative of the 15,000,000 Afro-Americans was one of the first to call on Seretse in London with offers of help.



McDONALD BAILEY  
With daughter Christine; his wife is an ex-WAAF.

But only to be told he must abdicate. If this is freedom and I'd rather stick to the old hypocrisy. You say that might is not right. But the world should hear of this terrible plight. The English preacher John Donne, who nobly preached the essential brotherhood of man, once wrote: "No man is an island, but a part of the mainland. Therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." Today, coloured people must be asking if this is the knell for their freedom. Have we heard the last word on Seretse?

I am hoping...

I HAVE met much kindness from white people. I have nursed them in our hospitals. I have been nursed by them. I am hoping that the day which began with tears may not be so full of despair. I have found that the newspapers are not shirking to report the injustice or the consequences of the Seretse ban. We did not have to go to a Negro Press for that help and sympathy.

Though this all started over a mixed marriage—remember that that is a phrase used here. We see ourselves all as citizens, and to us far greater things than one happy marriage are in danger.

—London Express Service.



London Express Service.

### NANCY

Hat Trick



By Ernie Bushmiller



# America Plans Next Moves In Far Eastern Cold War

THE TEDDY BEAR  
TAKES A NAP  
IN SPRING SUN

# SECRECY IMPOSED ON THE ANGLO-EGYPTIAN NEGOTIATIONS

## While The Going Is Good

Berlin, Mar. 23.—Dr. Kressner, Mayor of the Soviet Zone of Germany and member of the East German Parliament, has fled to the West, the East German News Agency ADN reported tonight.

Kressner, who also headed the local group of the Soviet Zone Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) recently found himself under fire from the Socialist Unity Party (SED) for alleged anti-Soviet remarks.

The Liberal Democratic Party today suspended Dr. Kressner from his Party posts.—Reuter.

## SUPPLIES LIKELY TO BE RUSHED TO VIETNAM

Washington, Mar. 23.—Two American destroyers will continue their goodwill visit to Southeast Asiatic ports despite Communist-led riots which occurred when they touched at Saigon, it was disclosed today.

Meanwhile, the American economic mission now in Asia has urged that American medical supplies and farm tools be rushed to Vietnam to back up the naval gesture to Indo-China with concrete aid.

The destroyers, Richard Anderson and Stickle, left Saigon on Monday after a weekend of riots. They are due to stop next at Phnom Penh, capital of Cambodia, another state of Indo-China, where there is also trouble with Ho Chi Minh's revolutionaries.

A dispatch from Bangkok, Thailand, said today that a Bangkok newspaper had urged the United States Navy to cancel an air show planned for that city to avoid trouble with the Communists. The Navy said, however, that its ships did not plan to visit any other Far Eastern country except Vietnam and Cambodia.

The Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, met for two hours today with his top advisers on the Far East to plan future American moves in the cold war area of Southeast Asia. It was assumed the conference discussed preliminary recommendations for United States aid to Vietnam, made by the economic mission headed by Mr. Griffin.

**EARLY ACTION**

Mr. Griffin called the Department early this week that conditions in areas liberated from Ho Chi Minh were "improving" and said his forces would make a good impression if they could bring medical supplies and tools to liberated areas.

For long-range rehabilitation, the mission urged equipment for rice mills and a large-scale programme of technical training in the United States for selected Vietnamese.

Participants in today's conference included the Ambassador at large, Dr. Philip Jessup, the Assistant Secretary of

State, Mr. Walton Butterworth, and two private consultants: Mr. Raymond Fosdick, former head of the Rockefeller Foundation, and Mr. Everett Clegg, President of Colgate University.—United Press.



On a bed of straw, in the spring sunshine, Brumas, the Polar bear baby, lies asleep near his mother Ivy. — London Express Service.

## Flood Havoc In N.S.W.

## THOUSANDS HAVE TO EVACUATE

Melbourne, Mar. 23.—Floods in large areas of New South Wales have forced thousands of people to evacuate their homes and many more were preparing to do so as the position threatened to become worse during the next 48 hours.

Continuous heavy rains have caused rivers to overflow or burst their banks, isolating several small towns.

Three hundred men, women, and children waded in darkness through surging flood waters from their homes, when a section of the Snowy River bridge collapsed, cutting off the flatlands in the Gippsland district.

Police and volunteers in boats worked throughout the night to carry scores of people to safety.

Many refugees, trapped by rising waters, lighted fires on hills to attract the attention of rescuers.—Reuter.

## Italian Treaty With Turkey

Rome, Mar. 23.—The Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Necmeddin Sadak, arrived in Rome tonight to sign a new treaty of friendship with Italy. Adding a fresh link to the chain of understanding in the Eastern Mediterranean, the treaty will be signed tomorrow at the Italian Foreign Office.

The Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, who met Mr. Sadak at the airport, will sign for Italy.

It was understood that the treaty—"of friendship and conciliation"—is in the same terms as those signed between Greece and Italy and Greece and Turkey.

This completes Italy's treaty links with the Eastern Mediterranean outposts of the Truman Doctrine.

The treaty, it was understood, also covers commercial exchanges and complementary judicial practice.

The period covered by the treaty to be signed tomorrow had not been stated.

Mr. Sadak will stay for three days in Rome before going to Paris next Monday.—Reuter.

## AND THE RAINS CAME

New York, Mar. 23.—The scheduled rain-making experiment was postponed on Thursday because of rain.

Nightlong rain, followed by driving mist, led city authorities to conclude that an attempt to sow rain would be akin to shooting coals to Newcastle.

The Police Department's Aviation Bureau said the experiment would be re-scheduled when the city's \$100-per-day Harvard University cloud seeding machine would be ready.

Meanwhile, police planes equipped with dry ice sprinklers, will remain on the ground waiting to trigger the plump cumulus clouds that might drift over from the West.

New York has appropriated \$50,000 for the six-month experiment in man-made rain. It hired Dr. Wallace H. Hays, the Harvard Meteorologist, to head the "rain stimulation project."—United Press.



Captain Jacobsen (second from left), master of the Norwegian sealer Norsel, having ten with his crew shortly after the ship's return to Cape Town after landing 18 British, Norwegian and Swedish scientists on the ice desert of Queen Maud Land in the Antarctic. A storm in the Roaring Forties, when huge waves crashed over the ship, and the dynamiting of a way out of crushing pack ice, are among the memories the crew bring back with them. (London Express Service).

## Not Keen On Ice In It

Vancouver, Mar. 23.—Mr. O. W. Munro, of the British Columbia legislature, reported today that residents were complaining of lack of heat in the Government liquor store during the recent cold snap.

Customers complained that the liquor, frozen in bottles and they were forced to break the glass to lick the liquor in frozen pieces.—United Press.

## Strike Epidemic In Argentina

Buenos Aires, Mar. 23.—The port of Buenos Aires, which was paralysed up to yesterday by a dock strike, was back to normal today but activity will be halted again tomorrow by a 24-hour strike of seamen.

The dockers were out for three days in a stoppage for higher wages.

Dashmen have also been on strike for the last three days. A daily strike, which has cut the city's milk and butter supplies for six weeks, showed no signs of solution.—Reuter.

## Sharp Collision In McCarthy Witch-hunt

Washington, Mar. 23.—The State Department told Senate investigators today that it had been five years since it employed the alleged "top Russian spy" named by Senator Joseph McCarthy. Senator McCarthy promptly branded the statement a lie.

Sharply conflicting statements about the government record of the alleged spy, who has never been publicly identified, added new fuel to the controversy over Senator McCarthy's charge that the State Department was infected with Communists.

The Department's side of the story was given to a news conference by Senator Millard Tydings, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations sub-committee investigating Senator McCarthy's charges, who said employment records supplied by the Department showed that the man in question was sent on an official foreign mission of four months' duration "about five years ago."

Since that time, the Department said, the individual had had "no connection" whatever with official work except to deliver two speeches without pay at Departmental forums.

Senator McCarthy immediately called a news conference of his own to charge that the Department's report was "simply untrue," a deliberate misstatement of facts.—United Press.

## Atlantic Pact Defence

The Hague, Mar. 23.—Military experts of 10 of the 12 Atlantic Pact nations are meeting here tomorrow for the first of a week's talks on co-ordination of their five regional plans for Western defence.

About 250 delegates are attending from all the Pact nations except Portugal and Iceland.

Their findings will be turned over to a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Pact nations late in April or early in May.

The five regional groups have been preparing their own plans for the defence of their areas. The meetings here will study the value of these plans and co-ordinate them into a comprehensive defence plan for the whole of the North Atlantic area.—Reuter.

## Ambitious Red Plans In China

London, Mar. 23.—Ambitious plans to save millions of acres in Communist China from flooding and conserve surplus water for new irrigation schemes, includes the changing of the course of two rivers in North Kiangsu, according to a New China News Agency report received here.

The Rivers Yi and Shu will be diverted to the sea across the East China plain, northwest of Shanghai.

This scheme will not be completed until 1952, but water conservancy plans for 1950 include a 2,000-mile canal system in Manchuria and the raising of dykes along the treacherous Yangtze and Yellow River.—Reuter.

## Catholic Priest Sentenced

Warsaw, Mar. 23.—A Catholic priest, a woman and four other Poles, said to belong to an underground organisation called "Return," today went to prison here for terms ranging from seven to 13 years.

In the Bromberg district court it was alleged that they had prepared attacks on military and police installations. They were also charged with distributing anti-State leaflets.

The priest, Father Wojciechowski, received 13 years while the woman, Olga Unslawska, got 10 years.—Reuter.

## Whispering Gallery "Suicide" Drama

Vatican City, Mar. 23.—An ex-officer of the Italian Air Force today threw himself off the "Whispering Gallery" 180 feet up in the Dome of St. Peter's Basilica.

But as if miraculously, he remained suspended alive and unhurt, dangling only a few feet from the marble floor near the Papal Altar.

Pilgrims kneeling in prayer in the Basilica screamed as he hurtled down from the Dome.

The man, 28-year-old Francesco Zucconi, had taken the precaution of tying a rope under his arms and to the iron bars of the gallery before he climbed onto the railings and jumped.

As Zucconi fell, two letters were dropped from his pockets. One was addressed to the Pope. The other was addressed to the Italian Press. They asked the

London, Mar. 23.—The Foreign Office has imposed secrecy on its present formal and informal discussions with Egyptian representatives in London.

The Foreign Office spokesman today would say only that the Egyptian Ambassador in London, Amr Pasha, had conferred with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, at the Foreign Office.

"They had a most friendly talk on matters of common concern," said the spokesman.

No further details were available and officials declined even to discuss the subject of discussion. They also declined to confirm reports in diplomatic quarters that the Egyptian Ambassador had presented a memorandum to Mr. Bevin setting out the principles and conditions under which talks on the Anglo-Egyptian treaty should be resumed.

This coincided with informal discussions initiated recently in London of Israeli complaints over arms supplies to Arab countries and a request for supplies to Israel. The talks were interrupted by the sudden death of the Israeli Minister Dr. Mordechai Eliash.

A third set of discussions on Middle Eastern problems is in progress between London and Washington, with a view to aligning ultimately Middle Eastern policies of the two countries, which are still at variance on a number of issues.

The Foreign Office considers the Middle East as of growing interest in the whole concept of Western defence policy against possible future aggression from Soviet Russia and Communist infiltration.

**OVERALL ISSUES**

While officials remain silent on the latest exchanges with Egypt, unofficial but reliable sources here maintain that Britain's approach will largely

be dominated by such overall considerations for Western security.

Mr. Bevin is reported to have impressed this viewpoint on Egyptian politicians during his recent visit to Cairo.

The Times today said that, despite appreciable differences between Britain and Egypt on the question of evacuation of British troops from the Suez Canal Zone and the future of the Sudan, both governments probably were agreed that "the Middle East is a security vacuum tempting to Communist aggression."

The Times contended that the vacuum could be filled to some extent by co-operation between Arab countries and Egypt and between them and Britain. But one of the essentials for that would be, according to The Times, satisfactory political and military relations between Britain and Egypt.—United Press.



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## Radio Hongkong

6. "Hongkong Calling." Programme Summary: 6.2. Children's Half Hour. Presented by Elizabeth Anne. Young Guest Artist: Jane Jones. (Soprano). 6.30. Canoe Parade. The Voice of America. 7.45. Studio Concert. By Dorothy Hyde (Piano) and Margaret Stewart (Soprano). Piano Accompaniment by Yvonne Charter. (Studio). 8.10. "Servants Out." Question Master: Kenneth Mackenzie. (Studio). 8.20. "Music Lovers Hour." Classical and Light Classical Requests. Presented by Yvonne Charter. (Studio). 9.30. "Far from the Madding Crowd." A Western Comedy by Thomas Hardy. (Ep. 3) "A Valentine for Sir Robin." (Studio). 10.10. News Reel. (London Relay). 10.15. Weather Report. 10.20. "Composers of the Week." Subtitle: 10.20. Light Orchestral Selections. 10.45. London Studio Melody. The Melodians Orchestra. (RUCS). 11.15. Weather Report. World News, and Home News from Britain and Italy. Recorded. 11.30. Close Down.

## FLYING SAUCER ABOUT

Manila, Mar. 24.—A press report from Tuguegarao in Northern Luzon said that what appeared to be a "flying saucer" was seen at noon yesterday by the people of that town.

The report said a brilliant round object was visible for 40 minutes, and was at a great altitude.—United Press.

## ANOTHER FUNNY STORY

Prague, Mar. 23.—The Czechoslovak Interior Minister, Václav Nosek, today alleged that Czech political refugees were being trained as spies in Western Europe and sent back equipped with American and German-made weapons.

Presenting his defence and security estimates—about a tenth of the total Czech budget—Nosek said that he had the task of protecting the regime against "the violent attacks of the Allied class enemies".

Nosek said that all who had offended against the law "even though they may be dressed in priestly attire" would be dealt with according to the law.—Reuter.

## EASTER PARADE

The Women's Auxiliary of The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children announced that all tickets for the Easter Parade and Floor Show to be held in the Sky Room, Luna Park on March 31 have been sold.

## THE KICK-BACK

Dickinson, North Dakota, Mar. 23.—Peter Reiner, 30-year-old farmer, was treated for a located knee cartilage suffered when he kicked a cow today.

Reiner said the cow kicked him first.—United Press.



## KEEN ENOUGH TO TAKE A SPILL:



## Schroeder May Defend His Wimbledon Title

Ted Schroeder, Wimbledon lawn tennis champion, may be able to defend his title next June after all, according to latest news received in London. He will not be able to decide until next month whether business will allow him to come. My guess is that it will; it always does when tennis players begin talking like this.

If he does come he may pair for the doubles with Eric Sturges, of South Africa, who intends to return for this year's Wimbledon.

**MULLOY COMING**  
Gardner Mulloy, Schroeder's opponent in last year's memorable first round battle, and partner in the doubles, has already announced his intention of playing in this season's tournaments.

Sturges' partner last year was another American, Budgie Patty. They reached the semi-finals. Schroeder and Mulloy were finalists.

**UNITED FOR AMERICA**  
Summer football tours are on the horizon.

Manchester Utd., now heading strongly for the First Division Championship, are setting off for the USA in the Queen Mary immediately. The Americans are certainly lucky to be able to see football as the Old Trafford side can play it.

But will the players be so lucky? Newcastle Utd., who undertook a North American tour last summer, are finding that the strain of a delayed action seems to have begun to make itself felt. Their players, particularly Jackie Milburn, have lost some of their speed, and they are blaming this on last summer's tour.

**DUCE HARRIS**  
—London Express Service.

### AINTREE RACES

## Field Of 18 For Liverpool Spring Cup

Liverpool, Mar. 23.—A field of 18 runners is likely to go to the post in the Liverpool Spring Cup, to be run over one mile, two furlongs and 170 yards at 4.15 p.m. GMT here tomorrow.

They are, with jockeys: Jack Scott (A. Dargie), Snook (Edgar Brigg), Yelverton (J. Dymond), Silvergate (Gordon Richards), Kibbelen (S. Clayton), Vasant (J. Wright), Interrogated (F. Carr), Slapdash (Doug Smith), Devancer (W. Christie), Shall Cross (W. Snalld), Red Carnation (L. Thomas), Trinity (J. Dymond), Nakergate (D. Greenleaf), King's Acre (T. Mahon), Swift Flight (A. Carson), Pekin Way (R. Reader), Winter Crop (L. Piggott) and Royal Lion (E. Carter).—Reuter.

### DOUBTFUL STARTER

London, Mar. 23.—Royal College is a doubtful runner for the Grand National. His trainer, W. Payne, said tonight: "Mr. H. P. Prentiss, who owns Royal Cottage, has informed me that he does not want to run the horse at Aintree."—Reuter.

### CHANGE OF JOCKEY

London, Mar. 23.—Martin Molony, Champion Irish Jockey, will be unable to ride Lord Bicester's Roimond in Saturday's Grand National.

Ron Francis, who rode Roimond into second place last year, will now have the mount. Molony, who was injured at a recent Wolverhampton meeting, said at Liverpool today: "I still do not feel 100 percent fit and Lord Bicester has kindly released me from the engagement."—Reuter.

### BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

R. Tay and P. H. Wong beat B. Funk and S. K. Howe 15-4, 15-0 in the Badminton Senior Men's Doubles semi-final last night. In the same event W. Foo and C. K. Lee beat G. Lum and J. Koo 15-7, 15-0.

Results of other matches played were: Schoolboys' Doubles—K. Y. Tso and B. Saw beat Edward Y. Hui and S. Y. Tsi 15-4, 15-4; Junior Men's Doubles—S. K. Cheong and B. F. Lam beat N. K. Chin and K. F. Lok 15-13, 15-5; Ladies' Singles—Miss U. Khoo beat Miss Margie Xavier 11-0, 11-4.

### COLONY TENNIS

## IP KOON-HUNG WINS SINGLES FINAL IN 41 MINUTES

Ip Koon-hung beat Tsui Wai-pui, former Champion, in straight sets in the Final yesterday to retain his title of Colony Open Tennis Singles Champion. The scores were 6-2, 6-0 and 6-3 and the match lasted exactly 41 minutes, the shortest time taken to decide a final in the history of the tournament.

The scores belie to some extent the hard fight put up by the challenger who yesterday played one of his best games. He employed all the tricks he knew to penetrate Ip's almost impenetrable defence, but the Champion's armour apparently suffered only slightly.

Ip need Tsui with cannonballs and when he advanced to the net—and this he did pretty often—he won valuable points by killing the shots that came off Tsui's racket. Ip sent over powerful drives which kept Tsui on the run most of the time. The Champion employed his famous drop shots with devastating effect and this further took most of the wind out of the challenger.

There were many driving and volley duels at the net, but invariably it was the Champion who won them. His great retrieving powers upset Tsui and his tenacity to contest every point must have broken the challenger's spirit.

Tsui was in form and there were times when his shots flashed past the Champion out of reach. What contributed most to Tsui's collapse was the fast, telling pace which the Champion lost no time in setting right from the start. Ip drove deep and hard, and then varied with occasional drop shots just over the netcord. It was not long, therefore, before Tsui was putting hard from the effects, and he gradually lost control.

Ip's cannonball deliveries won points outright almost every time they crossed the court, and his variation with top spins further non-plussed the challenger, causing him to mis-hit and mistime.

**FOUR DOUBLE FAULTS**  
Tsui served no less than four double faults during the match, three in the first set and one in the second. Ip, on the other hand, made no mistake with his deliveries.

Four love games were recorded, the first to Ip in the first set on his own service and three in a row in the third set, of which Tsui claimed two. Ip won the toss and elected to serve. He won the first game but Tsui levelled, scoring with hard drives. Ip took the third game, employing for the first time his powerful top spin service. He clinched the fourth game on Tsui's service to lead 3-1. In this game Tsui served his first double fault. Ip also brought his drop shots into play with telling effect. Driving on both hands with terrific power, Tsui took the fifth game on Ip's service, but dropped the sixth on his own delivery when he double-faulted at the all-important 30-all score. Ip went on to take the seventh game—at

Ip (right) and Tsui

somehow failed to get his shots over.

Leading for the first time, Tsui took the first game of the third set off Ip's service. In this game both delighted the gallery with beautiful passing shots and net volleys. However, the challenger could not maintain the lead and dropped the next game on his own service. Ip smashed his way through to win the third game and the fourth, bringing into action again his famous drop shots. However, on his own delivery Ip lost the fifth game at love, but won the next, also at love, to lead 4-2. The third love game in a row followed when Ip lost it on his own service, Tsui thus reducing the score to 3-4. Here Tsui was putting all he had into the game, driving deep and hard, and following them up with volley killers. On service Tsui dropped the all-important eighth game and it was most heart-breaking to see his shots hit the netcord only a fraction of an inch below Ip. Tsui won the next, also at love, but on the other hand, he was lucky in that respect. At least two of his shots just grazed the net and then bounced away on Tsui's side to win the point. There was no stopping Ip now and with his cannonball and top spin service working at top gear, he won the next game, the final point with an ace service, for set and match.

Ip said after the match that he played one of the hardest games in the tournament. He said Tsui was a great player, but Tsui gave credit to Ip for his victory and said the Champion was the better man.

It is learned that Ip may take part in the 1950 Wimbledon games. Arrangements are under way for his trip to England and he hopes to get away well in time for the tournament.

**TODAY'S GAME**  
Today Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui, holders, will play Ip Koon-hung and Edwin Tsai in the final of the Colony Open Doubles Championship. The match is timed to start at 4.30 p.m. on the Stand Court.

### Inter-School Sports

## NINE RECORDS TOPPLE AS KING GEORGE V SCHOOL WINS GOVERNOR'S SHIELD BY "RECORDER"

Nine records fell in yesterday's Inter-School Sports finals at the Caroline Hill Stadium as King George V School finished eight points ahead of the Diocesan Boys' School to retain the Governor's Shield for the Championship proper. La Salle College was third with 33 points.

The most startling performance at this biggest sporting event in the local school world was turned in by Peter McRae of KGVS. Last year, though he had run second in both sprints in the Colony Open Championship, it was generally conceded that best had been seen from him.

Peter confounded the prophets by starting off with a new record of 11.3 seconds in the 100 Metres Dash, three-tenths of a second better than that which has stood for 13 years in the name of C. Hasegood (CBS).

As though this was not enough, he knocked four-fifths of a second off his own record in the 200 Metres set last year in returning 23 seconds dead.

Both performances are top-notch by Far Eastern standards and would rank among the best in Asia this year. They were also, accomplished on what is a very indifferent track by international standards.

In both races, McRae was chased to the wire by Stephen Xavier of La Salle College, who also must have beaten the previous records, as he was about a yard behind. In the shorter sprint and about three yards in the longer. Had he been timed, he would probably have been caught in 11.5 and 23.5 seconds. In the longer sprint, actually, he was the pace-setter and had about 20 yards on McRae with some 20 yards to go.

**ANCHOR SPECIAL**  
McRae's fastest effort must have come in the 400 Metres Relay when he had some 15 yards to make up on the Queen's College anchor and was within two yards of him at the tape.

His third record came in the 110 Metres High Hurdles—where the programme tells us, were 3 feet 6 inches or three inches above the normal height for schoolboys' hurdling—when he returned the record to the KGVS with a 17.0-second effort, breaking the record of 18.1 seconds set last year by Ho Hui-po of St. Joseph's. Until last year, the record had been held by Brendan Wilson of CBS for a number of years.

A feature of the Sports was the all-round strength of the three principal rivals for the Diocesan Boys' School and La Salle College. Despite the fact that a good percentage of points under the new system are scored on the standard points, that are a feature of the English Public Schools' Championship and award a point to each competitor who passes the standard set for any event, the other schools were very much also-rans.

The final scores were: King George V School 53, Diocesan Boys' School 45, La Salle College 33, St. Stephen's College 16, Wah Yan P.M. College 15, Queen's College 11, St. Joseph's College 11, St. Paul's College 7, Wah Yan A.M. College 7, Yau-mai A.M. School 5, Government Vernacular Middle School 2, Hongkong Technical College 1.

**OLD RECORD TREMBLES**  
A record in the book that belongs to another generation and a school that exists no more trembled yesterday afternoon and survived the last heave in the Shot Put.

That the distance of 42 feet 10 inches put by N. Vargassoff of King's College in 1932. The challenger, E. da Costa of the Diocesan Boys' School, might have made it on his last throw if he didn't suddenly decide to take a lot of practice to change one's style. He reached 41 feet 9 inches, the best throw, since Vargassoff's day.

**HIGH SPRINT STANDARD**  
The standard was particularly high in the sprints with both the Senior and Junior Sprint Relay winners breaking the old Senior record, which had been considered quite respectable.

The surprise of the afternoon was Queen's College's four of Lam Sheung-lim, Lo Yu-kwan, Yau Tai-hay and Chan

**SUMMARIES OF THE FINALS**

**SENIOR EVENTS**

**100 Metres Dash**  
1. Peter McRae (KGVS); 2. Stephen Xavier (La Salle); 3. Lam Sheung-lim (Queen's). Also ran: Tsang Koon-shun (DBS); Wong Kam-shung (St. Stephen's) and Leung Chak-ping (Wah Yan P.M.). Time: 11.3 seconds. New record.

**200 Metres Dash**  
1. Peter McRae (KGVS); 2. Stephen Xavier (La Salle); 3. Tsang Koon-shun (DBS). Also ran: Leung Chak-ping (WYPM); Wong Kam-shung (SSC) and R. Heilmeyer (KGVS).

**400 Metres Run**  
1. Au Kiu-hung (DBS); 2. Tony Bragg (La Salle); 3. Patrick Bencharit (DBS); 4. M. Nicolson (KGVS); 5. Ling Sum (WYPM). Also ran: O. Lim (La Salle); Tsang Hot-man (WYPM); Donald Cheung (DBS) and Lo Chi-chi (La Salle).

**800 Metres Run**  
1. A. Robertson (KGVS); 2. P. Craddock (KGVS); 3. P. Bencharit (DBS).

**1,500 Metres Run**  
1. A. Robertson (KGVS); 2. P. Craddock (KGVS); 3. P. Bencharit (DBS).

**400 Metres Relay**  
1. Queen's College (Lam Sheung-lim, Lo Yu-kwan, Yau Tai-hay and Chan Chun-yung); 2. King George V School; 3. Diocesan Boys' School.

**1,000 Metres Relay**  
1. E. da Costa (DBS); 2. Harold Ong (La Salle); 3. R. Heilmeyer (KGVS); 4. Wong Kam-shung (DBS); 5. Lam Sheung-lim (WYPM).

**Throwing the Cricket Ball**  
1. E. da Costa (DBS), 273 feet 8 inches; 2. M. Nicolson (KGVS); 3. J. Liu (SSC); 4. A. A. dos Remedios (La Salle); 5. S. Fraser (KGVS).

**Shot Put**  
1. E. da Costa (DBS), 41 feet 9 inches; 2. Harold Ong (La Salle); 3. R. Heilmeyer (KGVS); 4. Wong Kam-shung (DBS); 5. Lam Sheung-lim (WYPM).

**High Jump**  
1. E. da Costa (DBS), 5 feet 3 1/2 inches; 2. Fok Yung-wai (SSC); 3. Peter McRae (KGVS); 4. Wong Kam-shung (DBS); 5. Wong Kam-shung (DBS); 6. S. Davies (KGVS); 7. S. Fraser (KGVS). McRae won third places on a few failures.

**Long Jump**  
1. Fok Yung-wai (SSC), 20 feet 3 1/2 inches; 2. Wong Kam-shung (DBS); 3. E. da Costa (DBS); 4. Wong Kam-shung (DBS); 5. Wong Kam-shung (DBS); 6. S. Davies (KGVS); 7. S. Fraser (KGVS). McRae won third places on a few failures.

### BROUGHT HOME THE RECORD



Peter McRae (left) of the King George V School with S. Davies, his team-mate, who brought the 110 Metres High Hurdles record back to the School, whose property it had been for more than 10 years until a St. Joseph's boy took it away last year.

Davies, a close second, probably bettered or equalled the old record set last year. McRae set three records in all, including two remarkable ones by local standards in the two sprints.—Telegraph Staff Photographer.

## Table Tennis History Was Made At The English Championships BY ARCHIE QUICK

Table tennis history was made in the English Championships at Wembley. For the first time, juniors won a senior title, and, as I exclusively forecast, the "expedite" rule was applied.

The tale of the two juniors is remarkable. They are Diane and Rosalind Rowe, the 16 years' old twins of a Greenford (Middlesex) businessman. Except that Diane is left-handed, the only way to tell them apart is that one uses a red bat and the other a green! The two met in the junior girls' final and, surprisingly, Rosalind won. But that day Diane had already fought and won eight matches.

Diane got to the Senior Women's Final, only to lose to Miss Shanahan, of New York City, a great achievement all the same—but the twins came into their own in the Women's Doubles final when they won the title by beating two English Internationalists, Miss Peggy Frank and Miss Dora Bergey, a tremendous feat.

**TITLES CHANGE HANDS**  
Every little changed hands, except the veterans' singles which Mr. S. Sugarhood, of Romford, won again, but Britain did well, for apart from Miss Shanahan, a great win over the French Champion, Huguennauer, but to me the highlight of the tournament was to see the "expedite" rule being applied against the two American women, Mrs. Cloutier and Mrs. Donahue. America instituted the rule, and it was ironic to say the least that its first application in England should be when two defensive players from New York and Boston were concerned.

As she came off court, Mrs. Cloutier, who lost, said to me: "Huguenot, you ever seen such a hard-hitting game as that?" Well, they took half an hour over their first game, and, as the French Champion, Huguennauer, but to me the highlight of the tournament was to see the "expedite" rule being applied against the two American women, Mrs. Cloutier and Mrs. Donahue.

**Close Finish Looks Likelier In Boat Race**  
London, Mar. 23.—Cambridge University today rowed a full course trial for the inter-University boat race on April 1 in 19 mins., 21 secs. for the four and a quarter miles between Putney and Mortlake on the river Thames.

This was 10 secs. faster than Oxford's time yesterday, equivalent to approximately three lengths.

But Cambridge, though having to battle against a strong head wind on the latter stage of the trip, did not have to contend with the rough water which hampered Oxford.

It was an all-out effort and the crew showed signs of some distress. Tow-path critics who made Cambridge the hot favourite a week or two ago are now talking about a race as close as that of last year, when Cambridge just got home by a canvas.—Reuter.

**No Decision Yet From Joe Louis**  
El Paso, Mar. 23.—Marshall Miles, manager of former heavyweight Champion, Joe Louis, said here that no decision had yet been made as to whether Louis would attempt to regain his former title.

Earlier this week Miles said that Louis' decision would be announced on Saturday. But he stated today that the announcement would be delayed as he had to confer with officials of the International Sporting Club in New York next week.—Reuter.

**Saints Lose In Manila**  
Manila, Mar. 24.—An all-Manila football selection last night handed Hongkong's St. Joseph's team its first licking here by a score of 2-1 at Rizal Memorial Stadium.

St. Joseph's had won its first four games here but the Manila selection, including stars from the Manila Interport team, halted the invaders' winning streak in a fast exciting game.

Early in the match, St. Joseph's scored the first goal, but the local goals, Beech scored the first in the first half but St. Joseph's left halfback, Arthur Santos, scored the equaliser early in the second half.

The tie lasted until three minutes before the end of the game when Beech booted in the winning goal. Time and again St. Joseph's failed to crack the stout Manila defence.

The visitors will play a La Salle selection in a farewell match tonight. This will be a return match; the visiting team having previously defeated the La Salles 2-1.—United Press.



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By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

THE women's national team of four championship players established a new attendance record last year with 57 teams entered. This event ended in a tie between a Philadelphia and a Washington, D. C. team.

The Philadelphia team consisted of Mrs. L. C. Robinson, Mrs. Henry Sabott, Mrs. R. L. Sondheim and Mrs. C. T. Evans. The Washington team consisted of Mrs. F. E. Eberhart, Mrs. E. P. Collier, Mrs. Kathleen McNutt and Mrs. Ernest Boschan, all of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Collier (sitting East) won a match for her team when she made a part score contract of two spades on today's hand.

South cashed her three high diamonds and then shifted to the four of hearts. Mrs. Collier won this trick with the queen in dummy, then cashed the ace of spades and the ace and king of hearts. She played a small spade which North won with the king.

Without a moment's hesitation North returned the five of clubs, hoping to fool Mrs. Collier. But Mrs. Collier had already analysed South's hand. Having failed to open the bidding, declarer knew that South could not hold the ace of clubs, as she already showed up with the ace, king and queen of diamonds.

She also knew that South could not have held the king of spades. That was why she did not bother to take the spade finesse, or to jump up with the king of clubs.

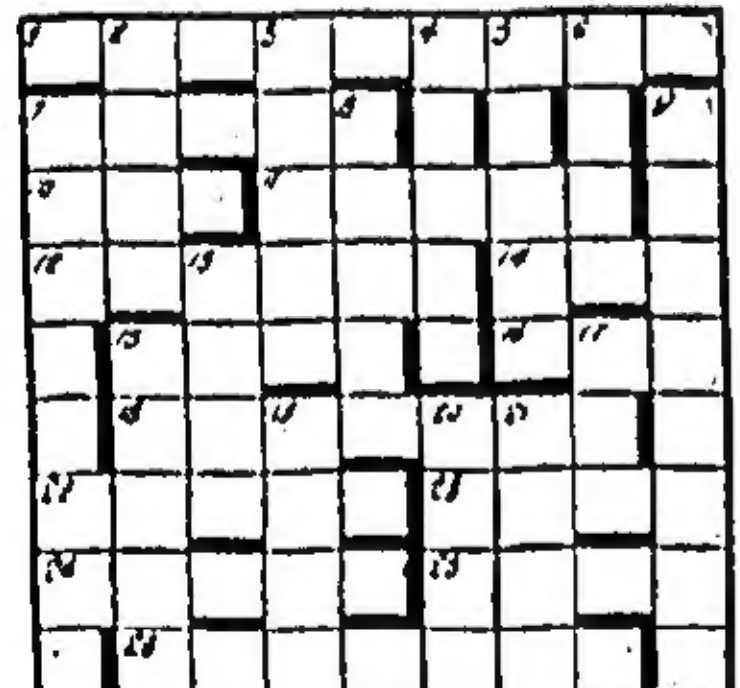
If Mrs. Collier had been careless and let the club return around to her jack, her contract would have been set one trick and her team would not have been tied for first place.

## Check Your Knowledge

1. Jean Valjean was the hero of what novel?
2. What is escapism?
3. Are grains or karals used in measuring pearls?
4. How many edges has a cube?
5. What do you mean by pro rata?
6. In army slang what is a dog tag?

(Answers on Page 8)

## CROSSWORD



- Across
1. This is a hanging affair. (9)
  2. The crow's nest has nothing to do with this part of the ship. (5)
  3. For example "O." (3)
  4. Measure of throwing slances. (9)
  5. Lord's they'll admit both kinds are blind. (4)
  6. The white of an egg in practice in a this. (3)
  7. Getting differently. (7)
  8. She's the latest petrol. (5)
  9. Carriage. (4)
  10. This game needs 78 cards. (5)
  11. Here we show little prudence. (4)
  12. Down from dawn to dusk. (7)

- Down
1. The book boy. (4)
  2. A broken oint. (5)
  3. The white of an egg. (3)
  4. Crime that ends every clayman. (5)
  5. (5)
  6. Lift to this time. (4)
  7. He thinks of safety first and keeps a guard on his watch. (8)
  8. Chinese ounce. (4)
  9. Horrible to find a beard in this. (5)
  10. Salvo. (4)
  11. A day's force. (4)
  12. Steady however is trades. (4)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1. Tower; 2. Mar; 3. Man; 4. Man; 5. Man; 6. Man; 7. Man; 8. Man; 9. Man; 10. Man; 11. Man; 12. Man.

## DUMB BELLS

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## YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

If you are born today, you have a positive and aggressive nature. Optimistic, you are not one to say something which can't be done. Your ideals are high and once you are set in a certain direction, you proceed tenaciously. You may, in this fashion, achieve an early success, but to sustain it, you need to continue to use your fighting spirit.

You always will do best on your own. Having a strong personality yourself, you are inclined to take strong likes and dislikes to others. And once you have made up your mind about a person, you rarely change it. Your personal loyalties are exceptionally strong. Cultivate a little more

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

**ARIES** (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Excellent business prospects are in store for you. Social aspects are good also.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—Your own aims and plans receive encouragement now. Know what you want and go after it.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 22)—This is one of your best days. Clinch an important matter. This month's plans culminate successfully.

**CANCER** (June 23-July 23)—You may be somewhat adventuresome today. You never know until you try out a plan whether it will work.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—A progressive day. Finish up your important business this morning and then you can relax and play!

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—The outlook is good for general activities. Join others in progressive thought and action.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Follow through on your main interest for this is a progressive day if you make full use of it.

## INTELLIGENCE TEST

### ESCALATOR

by T. O. HARE

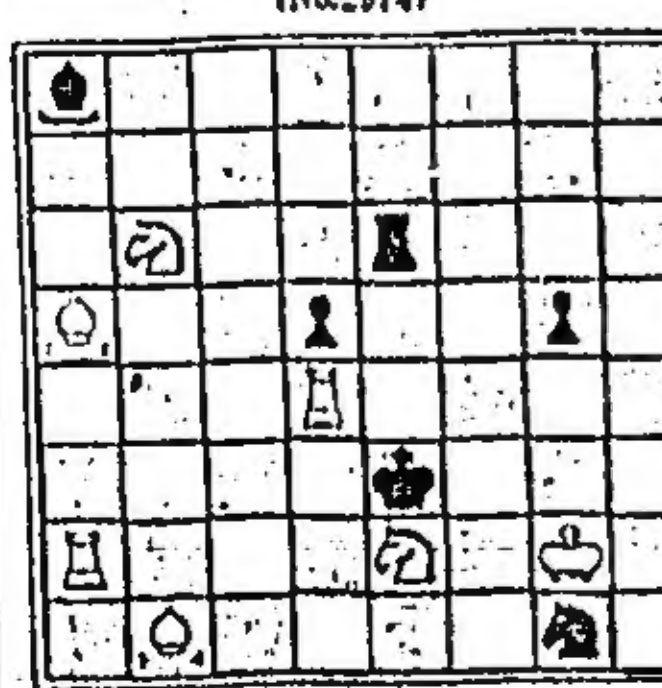
I often use the escalators at Bunbury Hill station, walking down the steps which—ignoring the escalator's own motion—is three times the speed at which I mount the "up" escalator. The other day I had completed just two flights of the descent when I passed a friend, whom I wanted to have a word with; he was standing on the "up" escalator, reading his Evening Standard. The platform I immediately crossed over to the ascending escalator, walked up it at my usual pace, and caught up with my friend just as he reached the top.

How does the speed at which I walk down the escalator compare with that of the escalator itself?

(Solution on Page 8)

## CHESS PROBLEM

By H. V. TUXEN  
Black, 6 pieces.



White, 7 pieces.  
White to play and mate in two.

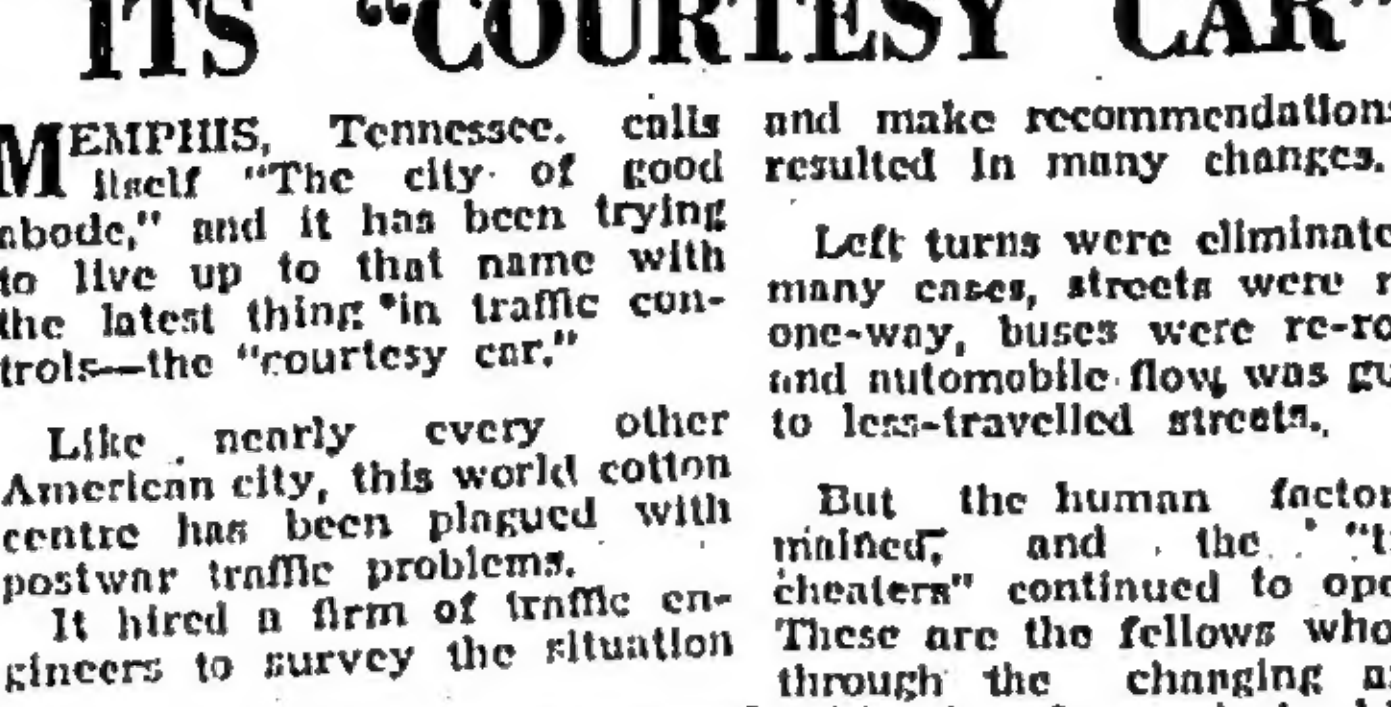
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-K12, 1... K1-B5, P-B4;  
2. Q-K3, 1... K1-Q5, 1... Q-K1;  
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## UNUSUAL ANGLES

REGISTERED U.S. PATENT OFFICE

WHAT IS THIS BROILED CAPON SAUTE CHASSEUR?



## MEMPHIS TRIES OUT ITS "COURTESY CAR"

MEMPHIS, Tennessee, calls itself "The city of good abode," and it has been trying to live up to that name with the latest thing in traffic controls—the "courtesy car."

Like nearly every other American city, this world cotton centre has been plagued with postwar traffic problems.

It hired a firm of traffic engineers to survey the situation and make recommendations. It resulted in many changes.

Left turns were eliminated in many cases, streets were made one-way, buses were re-routed and automobile flow was guided to less-travelled streets.

But the human factor remained, and the "traffic cheaters" continued to operate. These are the fellows who slip through the changing amber light, who edge up just behind the closely to the pedestrian crossing line or who signal incorrectly for a turn.

Just minor points, but the Mayor's Traffic Advisory Commission decided they were just the things which could keep accidents piling up on the city's books and casualties piling up in the city's hospitals.

To cope with the situation the Commission, headed by Bruckner Chase, a former naval officer, came up with "Operation Safety" and the "courtesy car."

Rather emotional, despite your outward denial of this, you may have one or two disappointments in romance before you make your selection of a life partner. But once the decision is made it is for life, and should be a very happy union.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Have a well-planned programme if you want to succeed. The executive mind is important now.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—You can forget but not the time being and concentrate on a relaxing, pleasant week-end.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—An excellent day for combining business and social efforts.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you are practical today, you should experience a definite advancement in your plans.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Prospects are good for all your affairs. Take advantage of some pleasant social engagement.

**KNARF** and Hanid, the shadows with the turned-about names, found General Tin, the tin soldier, about to creep out through the secret door to the country on the other side of the playground wall. Knarf promptly asked him why he was going.

"My dear boy," said General Tin, "I'm going hunting."

"Oh, what are you going to hunt?" Hanid asked.

"Quimples, my dear. Quimples, or, as we sometimes say, quimples."

Knarf and Hanid admitted they had never heard of either quimples or quimples.

"But-tut, I'm not a bit surprised," said General Tin. "They don't teach about these things in schools nowadays. In fact, you can read quite a number of

"Quimples are very fond of sunflower seeds," said General Tin as he stopped before an extra large sunflower growing at the edge of a pond. "The seeds in this sunflower have just become ripe and good for eating. We'll use them for bait."

"How?" asked Knarf and Hanid.

Instead of answering, General Tin reached up and plucked several handfuls of sunflower seeds. Then he took a little net out of his pocket, tied the net to a long branch, put the seeds in the net, and put the net in the water.

"Quimples," he said, lowering his voice to a whisper, "live in this pond. When they see the seeds, they'll quimp right into you."

"They'll quimp?" repeated Tin. Hanid questioned.

"It's like jumping-hopping-springing—crawling—swimming and gliding. Sh-h-h... Here comes

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

IT is soon going to be difficult to distinguish a new international organisation from a new cure for freckles.

Someone suggested that when France and Italy joined Benelux it should be called Fritalux. It is not difficult to imagine the fun the French would have had with that. I agree with the

people who said that to appeal to the people these names ought to be less pompous. For instance, the Society for National Integration, Betterment, Bureau-eracy, and Optimism at once becomes Shlombo. The League of Cultural-Roilymolly—I would call Houpla.

Make your boy an Informer

IT is good news that the money given to informers for their services will take account of expenses. This will give the less serious type of informer a happier life. If he wants a holiday in, say, the Highlands, he can always say that he went all that way to track down some-thing from he suspected of infringing the currency regulations. Although his suspicions may prove to be unfounded after two weeks' careful observation, he can put in a very useful expense account.

Slack hostels for informers in the large towns would be a good idea, and, of course, extra rations and petrol and Government cars.

**Marginal note**

ONE day, I shall write a book (Hol Publishers! Are you within earshot?) about the lesser known canals and great houses of the Loire country. My book will tell you the wine to drink in each of these places, and will be interspersed with songs both traditional and original. And there will be a rhapsody about the Lussettes, as the local people call the groups of willows on the banks of the Loire.

**Speeding up**

READING of a Chinese artist who divorced four of his wives at the same time. I realised how backward we are. Even in America it takes a man about a week to get rid of four wives.

—London Express Service.

## FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

### Dutch Trade Agreement

The Hague, Mar. 23.—A trade and payments agreement between Holland and Indonesia was initiated here yesterday, it was announced today.

The agreement, which will be valid until December 31, provides for trade in both directions of around 50,000,000 guilders.—Reuter.

### CZECHS SEEK INDIA AGREEMENT

Prague, Mar. 23.—Indian and Czechoslovak experts today got down to detailed discussion of a new trade agreement.

The five-man Indian delegation, under Mr. N. Raghaven, Indian Ambassador to Prague, includes Mr. S. Boothalingam, Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Supplies.

The Czechoslovak delegation is under Dr. R. Margolius, Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade. Talks began yesterday on the new agreement, which is to replace the present one which expires on March 31.

The agreement provided for an exchange of goods worth 2,200,000 on either side in the 12 months ending March 31.

No figures have been made public since September, but an Indian Embassy spokesman told Reuter today that both sides considered that the agreement had on the whole worked out satisfactorily.

The new agreement now under negotiation will be based on the experience gained in the working of the old agreement, the spokesman said.—Reuter.

### Singapore Futures

Singapore, Mar. 23.—Prices in the Rubber market here today closed as follows:

Number 1 rubber, April	52-1/2
Number 2 rubber, April	52-1/2
Number 3 rubber, April	52-1/2
Number 4 rubber, April	52-1/2
Spot rubber, unbleached	52-1/2
Blanket, C. Rep.	52-1/2
No. 1 pale crepe	52-1/2

—United Press.

## Revaluation Of NEI Guilder Felt To Be Too Little

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, Mar. 23.—The Indonesian Government appears to have devalued the NEI guilder too little, says Lewis and Peat Limited in their weekly rubber market report.

"At first sight," the report says, "it is doubtful if sufficient incentive to exporters has been provided."

"It should be noted that the degree of revaluation has not gone right down to the black market rate prior to the revaluation."

"In operations such as these, it appears to be a sounder policy to devalue too much rather than too little."

"The Indonesian Government appears to have followed a similar course. Against this, it must be assumed that a shortage of money may cause some stocks to be released. However, the fear of further revaluation may tend to curtail the volume."

"It is believed that quantity of the stocks previously held have been smuggled out of Indonesia and shipped to the United States via Siam."

## Growing Orient Competition

Washington, Mar. 23.—Manufacturers on the United States mainland and Puerto Rico contended today that Japan and the Philippines are well on the way to capturing the multi-million dollar yearly market for "pearl" and plastic buttons and necklaces in the United States.

Japanese buttons and necklaces already have begun to flood the market and the Philippines is expected to be filling its duty free button quota by next year.

Manufacturers testified at Labour Department hearings to determine whether or not to raise the wage minimum in the button and bead industries in Puerto Rico. They contend such an increase might put them out of business.—United Press.

## Japs Sell River Boats

Tokyo, Mar. 23.—Kilachan Devehan and Company, of Bombay, signed contracts recently with two Japanese shipping companies for the purchase of two used river boats, the Trans-portion Ministry announced today.

The ships, Konel Maru (3,222 tons) and the Koshu Maru (3,375 tons) were sold for US\$322,000 and US\$337,000, respectively.

The 10-year-old vessels had been in service on the Yangtze River in prewar days.—United Press.

## Rubber Factory For Israel

New York, Mar. 23.—The General Tyre and Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio, has announced plans to build a \$2,000,000 factory in Israel for the production of tyres, tubes and allied products.

The plant, which will be built near Haifa, will have a three-month supply of materials on hand when it opens in about a year's time.

The company owns the factory will be known as the General Tyre and Rubber Company of Israel but the American company will only be a minority stockholder. It will hold only 60,000 of the planned 700,000 shares. The additional capital will be supplied by private subscriptions in Israel and the United States.

The factory will be the only tyre and tube plant in the Middle East.—Reuter.

## London Rubber Futures

London, Mar. 23.—Prices in the Rubber market here today closed as follows:

SPOT in pence	10-1/2
April	10-1/2
April/June	10-1/2
July/September	10-1/2
October/December	10-1/2
January/March (1951)	10-1/2

—United Press.

## TO STUDY JAP TEXTILE INDUSTRY

Washington, Mar. 23.—A joint Anglo-American cotton fact-finding mission will probably leave for Tokyo early in April, a spokesman for the United States cotton textile industry announced here today.

Informed sources said that members would enter Japan as "individuals" and not as members of an official or semi-official delegation.

Officials said that the mission would investigate conditions in the Japanese textile industry. It would also try to work out a programme to keep Japanese manufacturers informed of latest marketing conditions throughout the world.

The British and American representatives were expected to travel in separate groups. Sir Raymond Stent, Chairman of the British Cotton Council, would be a member of the British group.—Reuter.

## N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Closing rates Mar. 23.

Canada (dollar)	US\$1.00
England (sterling)	US\$1.00
France (franc)	US\$1.00
Germany (mark)	US\$1.00
Italy (lira)	US\$1.00
Japan (yen)	US\$1.00
Netherlands (guilder)	US\$1.00
Portugal (escudo)	US\$1.00
Spain (peseta)	US\$1.00
Sweden (krona)	US\$1.00
Switzerland (franc)	US\$1.00

Middle East

Egypt (pound)	US\$1.00
Iran (rial)	US\$1.00
Iraq (dinar)	US\$1.00
Turkey (lira)	US\$1.00

Latin America

Argentina (official)	US\$1.00
Brazil (cruzeiro)	US\$1.00
Chile (peso)	US\$1.00
Colombia (peso)	US\$1.00
Cuba (peso)	US\$1.00
Mexico (peso)	US\$1.00
Peru (sol)	US\$1.00
Uruguay (peso)	US\$1.00
Venezuela (bolivar)	US\$1.00

Far East

India (rupee)	US\$1.00
Pakistan (rupee)	US\$1.00
Hongkong (dollar)	US\$1.00
Netherlands East (guilder)	US\$1.00
Japan (yen)	US\$1.00

United Press.

## OUTWARD MAILS

Unregistered Letters only for Ceylon, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow, Shanghai, Tientsin and North China and will be forwarded as opportunity offers.

Registered Articles (by Air or Sea) and Parcel Posts closed 10 a.m. at 3 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office one hour earlier than at P.O. closing times.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Closing Times By Air

Hongkong, 5 p.m.  
Manila, 5 p.m.  
Cebu, 5 p.m.  
Batavia, 5 p.m.  
Sourabaya, 5 p.m.  
Macao, 5 p.m.  
Canton, 5 p.m.  
Shanghai, 5 p.m.  
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North China, 5 p.m.  
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Swatow, 5 p.m.  
Amoy, 5 p.m.  
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SUNDAY, MARCH 26

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Foochow, 5 p.m.



# Acheson Makes New Study Of Far East Aid

Washington, Mar. 23.—The US Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and his leading advisers on Far East affairs, began an intensive new study today of United States aid measures for Southeast Asia.

Mr. Acheson called on the Ambassador at Large, Dr. Philip C. Jessup, and the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. W. Walton Butterworth, to report their findings on their recent survey trips.

Officials said that means of bolstering the new French-backed State of Vietnam against Communist pressure was now the most urgent matter.

Down for a decision are a series of recommendations wired last week from Indo-China by a special technical mission headed by Mr. Robert Allen Griffin. These call for immediate measures to help the

new Bao Dai regime, with French backing, to restore economic and military stability. To provide immediate military support for Indo-China and other neighbours of Communist China, President Truman has a \$75,000,000 special arms fund which Congress voted last year.

The House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee yesterday approved an Administration non-military foreign aid bill which earmarked an estimated \$104,000,000 in unused Economic Co-operation Administration funds for Nationalist China and Southeast Asia.—Reuter.

## NEW ERA

London, Mar. 23.—The Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda today said that Mr. Dean Acheson, the United States Secretary of State, admitted in his speech of March 15 the advent of a new era, according to Moscow Radio.

But while admitting this "the advent of a new era" aimed at reversing the wheel of events, Pravda claimed that India and the Philippines, while "allegedly" independent, were in fact subject to colonial rule.

"The continuation of American reactionary colonialism in Asia will inevitably bring about new failures and defeats," the Communist organ declared.

Pravda said that Mr. Acheson made a slanderous attack on the Soviet Union, resorting to "the most abject lies." Answering Mr. Acheson point by point, the paper described as "lie No. 1" the statement that in 1945 the Soviet Army seized Manchuria properly.

"Mr. Acheson forgets that the Red Army routed the Kwantung Japanese Army and turned Japanese war material into booty," Pravda said.

**REVALUED ROUBLE**  
"Lie No. 2" was the allegation made by Mr. Acheson that as a result of the re-valuation of the rouble China would not get the full share of the Soviet credit due to her under the Sino-Soviet agreement.

"Mr. Acheson again forgets that to ensure against a devaluation of the dollar the agreement provides for a credit of three hundred million gold dollars calculated at the parity of 35 ounces of gold," Pravda continued.

"The Soviet paper defined as the 'positive' aims of American policy in Asia 'the subjugation of Southeast Asia to American military and political control, under the pretext of fighting Communism, and the seizure of rich natural resources by American capital.'"

"Mr. Acheson's tirade about the freedom and independence of Asian peoples is only a masquerade camouflaging new forms of colonial domination and imperialism," the paper said.

**INDIA SITUATION**  
Pravda cited India and the Philippine Republic as countries "allegedly" independent but in fact subject to colonial rule.

"India, the paper said, is deprived of machine-building industries—that foundation of industrialism—only because American monopolies oppose their creation as this would lessen India's colonial dependence on imperialist powers. Acheson praises democratic liberties in India, conveniently forgetting the almost daily shooting of strikers, dissatisfied peasants and democratic meetings. The preservation of British domination in Burma and Ceylon, which remain British semi-colonies, appears to Mr. Acheson as an ideal situation," Pravda added.—Reuter.

**WIFE TO HELP**  
"It's not very great," he said. "The disease is rarely transmitted to adults, although at Carville I saw four elderly patients who contracted the disease as adults. But I plan to keep the kids well away from the place."

For himself he said the only precaution against the disease will be "ordinary cleanliness."

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He explained the incubation period is sometimes that long and that most people with the disease contracted it in childhood.

"His wife, Lois, a nurse from Dallas, Oregon, will assist him 'unofficially,'" he said.—United Press.

## Chances Of Pacific Pact Said Very Remote

Canberra, Mar. 23.—The Opposition leader, Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, told the Australian House of Representatives today that the chances of getting any real Pacific pact on concrete terms were very remote.

Mr. Chifley, speaking in the foreign affairs debate, said that the problems of the Pacific were important, but the problem of Europe was vital to civilisation. It might be 20 years before danger would threaten Australia from the Pacific, but he had no doubt Russia could "walk across Europe today and be in Calais in a very short time."

"That would be only the beginning of a great world war," he continued.

"Russia could no more stand the war that could arise than could the Western democracies. There is only one country that could stand a war—the United States—and war might completely demoralise even her country."

Mr. Chifley said that he did not fear war in Europe, but he did fear "the creeping Communism, the fifth column which has crept over Europe."—Reuter.

## To Help Lepers On Tinian

San Francisco, Mar. 23.—A Naval Reserve medical officer, who volunteered for 18 months' duty at a leper colony, said he felt it was his "Christian duty" to aid the "neglected."

Dr. Gordon C. McNelly left last night with his wife and children including his four-month-old daughter, for the Pacific leper colony Isle of Tinian.

"It is hard to put into words just why I want to go. My wife and I have felt for a long time that we want to help people who have been the most neglected," said the physician, recently in practice at Santa Rosa, California.

"I am a Christian," the square-faced soft-spoken doctor continued, "and as such I feel it is my duty to help where I can. This was the opportunity."

The 30-year-old lieutenant minimised the risk to himself and his family.

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**CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE**  
Answers  
1. "Les Miserables." 2. Escape of the mind from reality. 3. Grains. 4. Twelve. 5. To distribute proportionally. 6. Identification disc.

## Two Kings Sit Down To Dinner



Two kings sit at dinner in Cairo. Host is Egypt's King Farouk, while his guest—in whose honour the dinner was given—is the King of Afghanistan, left. (London Express Service.)

## "RICE" LOAN TO BURMA APPROVED BY COMMONS

London, Mar. 23.—The House of Commons today agreed to a British Government "rice" loan of £500,000 to Burma for use by the Burmese State Agricultural Board. An Opposition motion formally opposing the loan—a Parliamentary method of eliciting information—was withdrawn after Mr. Ernest Davies, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, had replied to the debate.

He said that it was a straightforward, normal commercial loan and that no money would be handed over until the rice was provided.

No political conditions would be attached to the loan if it finally went through, he said. Mr. Frederick Erroll, who opened the debate for the Opposition, said that the Burmese Government had decided to make the State Agricultural Board a permanent feature of its economy.

The Board, with a monopoly of the export of all the rice grown in Burma, was in effect a bulk selling organisation—one of those often given as an excuse by the British Government for having to resort to bulk buying, Mr. Erroll said.

He thought that if the marketing and export of rice was done by civilian firms as before the war the loan would have been unnecessary.

Mr. Erroll complained that according to a circular letter sent out by the Burmese State Marketing Board, the buyer must accept any quality of rice.

**OBNOXIOUS FEATURE**  
A "particularly obnoxious" feature of this was that in any dispute the rice, though it might be admitted not to be of the right quality, could not be rejected by the buyer. He must submit to arbitration, not to the independent arbitration which was a feature of pre-war rice dealings in Burma, but by a surveyor appointed by the Union of Burma.

He considered that the British Government should have secured the benefits of independent arbitration in return for the proposed loan.

Mr. Erroll said that from newspaper reports it appeared that Japan intended to buy large quantities of rice from

Burma and Siam. A figure of 500,000 tons had been mentioned. Burma's rice exports this season were about 700,000 tons.

"Can we be entirely sure we will get the rice for which this loan is intended?" he asked. Was there not a danger that preferential treatment would be given to Japan who was now coming into the market in such a big way, and with the attractions of other forms of trading which would perhaps suit the Burmese very well?

**SENSITIVITY**  
Mr. Woodrow Wyatt, Labour, deprecated making conditions for the loan. Britain would not think of accepting conditions from the United States Government, when accepting Marshall aid, on how she ran her internal affairs, he said. Private enterprise was not in the least bit concerned with the welfare of Southeast Asia, and merely said this was not a good commercial risk.

"The fact, which is extremely important for democracy in Southeast Asia, that Burma should be able to keep up the rice and be able to sell it in India, Pakistan and Ceylon was no concern of the banks," he said.

Sensitivity in Burma about forcing interference was extremely high. There had been a tremendous rise in nationalist feeling, and any attempt to impose conditions on Burma might well give a fillip to Communism in Burma.

Mr. John A. Blomfield, Labour, who went to Burma recently with a Parliamentary delegation, said that Burma was in the front line of anti-Communism, and food was the first weapon in anti-Communism. This loan would help Burma's food production.

**NOT TOLD**

Mr. Richard Butler, former Under-Secretary for India and Burma, objected to Labour back-bench criticism of the Conservative motion, formally opposing the loan. He said that this was merely a method of confining a debate—which was on the Civil Estimates—to a particular subject. He saw no reason why, subject to the Minister's reply, his supporters should press the motion.

The Opposition had not been told about this loan and would have learned nothing about it if they had not followed the present procedure, he said.

Mr. Davies said that the loan might never be called upon. It was agreed at the Colombo Conference as a joint Commonwealth loan. Its object was to facilitate the buying of rice by India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Britain.

It was a straightforward commercial loan, the terms of which were still to be negotiated. Britain would be buying for herself and the colonial territories, including Malaya and Ceylon. It was not possible to reveal the probable amounts to be taken by Britain and other Commonwealth countries.

He stressed that no political conditions were attached to the loan.—Reuter.

**Case Of Modified Smallpox**

Perth, Mar. 23.—The Australian health authorities today announced that a Portuguese seaman from the 5,000-ton Glasgow cargo steamer, Blair-croft, at Fremantle, was suffering from modified smallpox.

Modified smallpox is a mild form of the disease in people who are only slightly susceptible to it or who are protected by vaccination.—Reuter.

## Indian Socialist Leader Calls For Policy On Bengal

Calcutta, Mar. 23.—Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, the Indian Socialist leader, suggested here today that the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, should immediately convene a conference of representative Indians to evolve a national policy to deal with the situation created by the disturbances in East Bengal.

Mr. Narayan, who is Secretary-General of the Socialist Party of India, told a press conference: "At this hour, when the nation is in great peril, people should cease talking in different voices and should evolve a common policy of action."

"If there was any time for dispassionate thinking and united action, it is now."

The Socialist leader said that whatever national policy might be formulated it was the duty of all parties to "preserve peace in the country and guarantee to our Muslim citizens not only freedom from fear but also equal and honourable status with other citizens of the country."

Replying to critics who had charged him and the Socialist Party with being "warmongers," Mr. Narayan said that the suggestion of armed intervention "to protect human rights and lives" in East Bengal did not mean "conquest or annexation of East Pakistan."

He added that if Pakistan failed to maintain peace and

guarantee full security to minorities in East Bengal, "India will be justified in sending troops to create that condition there."

The Socialist leader said he had placed before Pandit Nehru the views of the Socialist Party on the present problem and suggestions to tackle it.

"It is for the Indian Government to decide the future course of action," he stated.

Two West Bengal Chief Ministers, Dr. B. C. Roy, told the State Assembly today that the Government was making arrangements to send 15 steamers to evacuate 1,400 refugees waiting at Chandpur, Narayanganj, Barisal and Khulna, in East Bengal.—Reuter.

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March — 24th & 25th

2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.

**Are women too weak to be wicked?**

**ALLEGED FASCISTS ACQUITTED**

London, Mar. 23.—Two men, alleged to be Fascists, were acquitted at the Central Criminal Court here today of causing "mischief" in a London cinema when the Palestine film, "Sword in the Desert" was shown.

The film, which shows Jewish terrorists throwing a grenade at British occupation troops, was taken off after an uproar at the cinema. It was shown only once.

Clipping at the back of the court greeted the "not guilty" verdict on the two men—59-year-old John Cook and 25-year-old Bertram Pile.

It was stated that both had been members of the Union Movement of Sir Oswald Mosley, said to be "violently anti-Jewish."

Cook denied being a Fascist and denied throwing fireworks inside the cinema.—Reuter.

**Truculent At Sheerness**

Sheerness, Kent, Mar. 23.—The submarine Truculent, sunk in the Thames Estuary last January with the loss of 84 lives after collision with the Swedish steamer, Divina, was towed here today.

Aboard the Truculent, which was towed by tugs from a sand bank four miles away, was Lieutenant C. P. Bowers, who was in command when she sank.

Two bodies were recovered from the submarine after she was raised from the bed of the Estuary 10 days ago.—Reuter.

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